



CHICAGO MAGIC BREAKAWAY

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Magic win 9th and 10th National Championship



The 13Girls and 13Boys both brought home US Club National Championships, going undefeated at US Club Nationals in Jacksonville, Florida. Keeping a clean slate throughout the entire tournament, the Chicago Magic won the Premier Girls U13 competition by



posting a 2-0 victory over the Vista Shockwaves (VA) in the Final, giving the Chicago Magic their first national championship for the Girls program. In the Super Group Boys U13 Final, the Magic recorded another 2-0 shutout in blanking the PASCO Stallions (NJ), cooperative effort with the 13Boys pool. Meanwhile, the 12Boys finished 2nd place, a remarkable result considering US Club Nationals was this age group's first big time tournament. John Hannan spoke of the event: "The level of play was better than USYSA Regionals, considering the terrific facility and competition. At the same time, this would have been a difficult championship to win if the two 13 Boys teams, South and Chelsea, had not been combined. As for the girls program getting their first national championship; that speaks volumes of where the girls program is going."

U14 Boys Finish Second at USYSA Nationals



Disney's WIDE WORLD OF SPORTSSM Complex

The 14 Boys run at the national title ended in the finals to SoCal United in PKs. The boys won their first two games, assuring them a spot in the final. The championship was a tense affair, ending in a scoreless tie. The dramatic penalty shoot-out saw SoCal United making all five of their shots, with the team missing a lone Magic shot.

Magic Recognized for Sportsmanship with Award

The U14 Chicago Magic 90/91's were winners of the US Youth Soccer Fair Play Award, as selected by referees, state representatives and the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series Committee.

The team was recognized for displaying positive conduct on the field toward their opponents and game officials throughout the competition.



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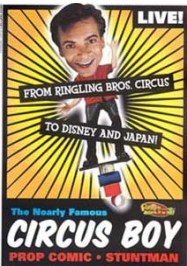


Remember to bring an inflated ball, shin guards, cleats, and Gatorade to every practice!

Jim Curtin Highlights 7th Annual Awards Banquet

Another successful awards banquet is in the books, with the following people receiving awards:

- Boys' co-player of the year: Chay Cain; Brad Ring
- Family of the Year: The Ribbens Family
- Supporter of the Year: Partyka Family
- Hall of Fame Inductees: Billy Savarino, Mike Wiggins



Jim Curtin of the Chicago Fire gave a speech and answered some Chicago Magic players' questions, while John Trask, head coach of University of Illinois at Chicago gave a very engaging speech. The highlight of the evening was the now famous Circus Boy, who combined juggling with theatrics and a self-pitying sense of humor to the delight of parents, players of all ages, and Scott Fonfara. Scott was lucky enough to be called to center stage to help thrill the crowd.



Chicago Magic scarves were given to all players attending the banquet and are now available for \$25 each from the Customer Service Desk at Hallmark Sports Club.

Chicago Players and Parents set for European Trip

Chicago Magic teams will experience the thrill of both playing soccer and traveling abroad. A group consisting of the 13Boys, 15 Girls and 15 Boys will travel to Barcelona, Spain during August. They will face high quality competition as they play against professional youth teams. The cultural diversity for the players will be second to none, and the sight seeing opportunities will leave a lasting impression on both the parents and players. John Hannan speaks of the what will surely be the highlight: "The 15Boys will play Barcelona which is pretty unprecedented, and it shows the respect our club gets overseas by getting a chance to play at that type of level. Typically American teams will play a Spanish equivalent of a state team or a regional team; it is very rare for an American club team to play a team of Barcelona's caliber. All the teams will also play Espanyol, one of the old teams in Spain will also be played with all the ages." The teams will play 4-6 matches, with numerous opportunities and first-class accommodations.

Magic at Adidas ESP Camp

Ross Labaux, Cody Stanley, Andrew Duran, Taylor Waspi, Cameron Jordan, PJ Wilson, and Paul Kopec (although injured) were all invited to the Adidas ESP camp in early July. The camp is designed to bring together hundreds of the nation's top young prospects together for rigorous training and to identify the country's elite young talent. Andrew Duran and Taylor Waspi were both selected as camp All-Stars.



Magic Players Identified

The 2005 id2 National training camp, part of US Club Soccer's initiative to revolutionize the way the country's top youth players are identified and developed, concluded July 28 in Jacksonville, Fla. US Soccer U17 Assistant Coach Brian Maisonneuve and Men's National Staff Coach Juan Carlos Michia were in attendance to evaluate players. Magic Players Harrison Petts, Jesse Ortiz, and Tom Serratore were selected in the '91 age group, while AJ Corrado, Oliver Mayer, and Perry Kitchen were selected in the '92 age group. Jacob Bushue and Perry Kitchen were also invited to USYSA '92 National Camp. Coach Hannan comments on the advantages of ID2 camp: "This camp is the top 100 91's and 92's of the nation, scouted in to camp rather than trying out. The players are seen with a team environment as opposed to artificial soccer environment that alternative ODP camps offer. This atmosphere is more conducive to a players' camp where players can showcase their talents within competitive matches. The cost for this process is transportation to get there, thus creating an enormous savings factor. ID2 continues to be an impressive alternative to original ODP process that we are used to. Plus, with the National team coaches in attendance, the end result is the same as other ODP processes: the players get a chance to be seen by National Team coaches."



Landon Donovan attends Spring Best of the Midwest

The Spring Best of the Midwest was another huge success with more than 320 boys and girls teams. 2005 was the first year Spring Best of the Midwest was all played at one location, with nearly 30 lush fields at the Naperville Polo grounds. The weather cooperated and the stage was set for one of Illinois' elite youth soccer tournaments. Aside from the success of the tournament, Chicago Magic teams had a great showing as well with the 11 Girls making it to the semifinals, and the 13 Girls, 17 Boys, and 18 Boys all earning births in the finals, while the 15 Girls, 13 Chelsea Boys, 16 Boys, and 19 Boys all brought home the championship trophies. Tournament Director John Hannan credited the weather and location with providing the excellent environment: "The great weather, fields, and competition, created a terrific environment for players and fans alike. 'With 350 team from the Midwest, East Coast and Texas area, the Best of the Midwest strives to be exactly that: the best. This tournament continues to be the benchmark for tournaments in Illinois with competition, facilities, and all around production put by the coaches, workers, and volunteers behind the scenes.'"



USMNT Player, Landon Donovan autographs a ball for Brandon Sloan at the Spring Best of the Midwest Tournament

Chicago Magic Players Prepare for College

With High School graduation now a thing of the past, Chicago Magic players begin looking towards their college soccer careers. Look below to see who is going where:

DeGeest, Lawrence:	University of Dayton	Lambo, Zach:	Wisconsin
Hadjiagiapiou, Arsenis:	Undecided	Liechty, Jonathan:	Wheaton
Madawick, Brent:	Coastal Carolina	McIntosh, Craig:	Lewis
Puttkammer, Tim:	Loyola	Master, Corey:	Lewis
Waisaith, Nathan:	Undecided	Piazza, Mike:	San Diego State
Abdallah, Bryan:	NIU	Ring, Brad:	Indiana
Akl, Danny:	Butler	Russel, Kyle:	Coastal Carolina
Bock, Brittany:	Notre Dame	Sandoval, Ivan:	Akron
Boddie, Kelly:	SW Missouri State	Scaffidi, Zac:	Michigan State
Cain, Chay:	Indiana	Schuler, Chris:	Indiana
Chapman, Aurie:	NE Univ. of Boston	Smithson, Jack:	New Mexico
Conklin, Eric:	Wisconsin	Sommers, Brad:	Loyola
Franco, Eric:	St. Ambrose	Sperry, Pat:	Michigan
Grasso, Peter:	Georgetown	Sundi, Nils:	St. Amrose
Greenman, Peter:	St. John's	Tutich, Matt:	Akron
Kilday, Matt:	Loyola	Wurst, Chris:	Loyola
Kolzow, Steve:	NIU		

Successful State Cup Run

7 out of the 10 Magic teams featured in the Illinois State Cup played in the final, with 5 of those teams capturing the State Championship trophy. The marquee match-up had to be the 13Chelsea and 13South facing off in a Magic vs. Magic final in the U13 age group, the first time in Illinois history that teams from the same club vied for a Regional Championship. The 13Chelsea prevailed in a penalty kick shoot-out, and became the first Magic team to book their tickets to South Dakota for the Region II Tournament being played in Sioux Falls.

The 14Boys advanced without conceding a goal, the 15Girls captured their 5th straight state cup title, the 16 boys advanced after a dramatic semifinal comeback, and the 17boys won the state title after a penalty kick shoot out.



- 13 Chelsea defeat 13 South 2-1 in penalty kicks
- 13 Girls lose to eventual Champions ELA in semifinals 1-0
- 14 Boys defeat Rockford Raptors 4 - 0 in final
- 15 Boys lose to defending Regional Champion Campton Raptors in Semis
- 15 Girls defeat Eclipse Select 1-0 in the final
- 16 Boys defeat Schwaben 4 - 1 in final
- 16 II lose to FC United in quarterfinals
- 17 Boys defeat HUSA in final
- 18 Boys lose in Final
- 18 United lose to Galaxy in quarterfinals
- 19 Boys lose in final

Mixed Bag for Magic at Region II Finals

The Chicago Magic brought home two Regional championships from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, sending one team to USYSA Nationals in Orlando, Florida. The 13Chelsea Boys capped off their impressive run with a 3-1 win over Tsunami of Minnesota in the championship game. The 14Boys repeated as Regional

champion by knocking off Ohio FC Mutiny in the championship. The 15Boys, 18Boys, and 15Girls all failed to advance from group play, while the defending regional champion 16Boys and 17Boys were eliminated in the finals and semifinals, respectively.

Chicago Magic Players Meet Real Madrid

Real Madrid were in town for the American tour, and in a wonderful opportunity for Magic Players, they were invited to a Chicago Magic only signing party with the Spanish soccer giants. Real Madrid, often referred to as the 'Galacticos' due to the notion that they are the best team in the Galaxy, took time from their busy schedule to meet with Chicago Magic players. Many of the Chicago Magic players' heroes were there in the flesh: David Beckham, Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos, Michael Owen...you name him, he was there; all 24 players from Real Madrid were signing autographs for Magic players!



Madrid players sign autographs

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