



CHICAGO MAGIC BREAKAWAY

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14's Win Inaugural US Club Soccer Championship

US Club Soccer's U14 champions were determined at Brown University in Providence, RI in October. The finals were held in conjunction with MLS Cup weekend activities. The Magic boys advanced to this competition following regional competition and a sub-national tournament in Dallas, TX.

In the boys championship, a mix of the Magic 14A and Stingrays, were matched up against the '88 CASL Elite from Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Magic boys found themselves down by a goal with 15 minutes left, and came back to score the winning goal in last minute of regulation, giving the team a 2-1 victory. The girl's championship went to FC DELCO from Philadelphia.

Along with the prestigious title, the two winning teams will also receive an all expense paid trip to a European soccer academy, courtesy of The International Academy.

Matkovich expressed,

"Congratulations to all of the players for winning the Chicago Magic's 2nd National Title!"

This summer, US Club Soccer expands its National Cup competition to 5 age groups (U14--U18). The Magic teams will be participating in the regional tournament, with those winners advancing to the finals to be held in early August in Los Angeles, CA.



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Dallas Cup XXIV

The Chicago Magic Soccer Club will be well represented in the upcoming Dallas Cup, to be held April 13-20 in Dallas TX.

The 14Stingrays, 16A, 17A, and 18A teams were accepted to compete for the coveted Dallas Cup Championship Title.



Dallas Cup XXIV will feature elite international, national and local Texas boys teams. The 2003 tournament field of 152 teams in 6 age groups is planned to have 40% international teams, 40% national USA teams and 20% local Dallas Area teams.

For the third time, a Magic team has been selected to compete against eleven other international teams in the "Super Group". The USYSA

National Champion Finalist U18 team received the invitation to compete against top club teams from across the world.

Matkovich stated, "We are excited and look forward to having our teams participate in one of the top youth tournaments in the nation. Our U18's especially are looking forward to being the 3rd Magic team to compete in the Super Group."

Magic Girls Program Coming Fall 2003

Fall 2003 will see the full return of the Magic Girls program.

For the past 2 years the Chicago Magic was in a merger with Team Chicago in the Naperville area, and in turn did not support teams in the U11-

U14 age group.

With a growing interest for the teams return to "Magic", the program will soon be offered once again to girls U7-U19.

The girls program will be moving forward with Scott Fonfara taking over as the

Girls Director under the leadership of Mike Matkovich.

"With Magic starting the girls side once again full-time, it will be a great opportunity to build a girls program that is a mirror image of the boys pro-

gram", stated Fonfara.

Please watch for try-out information this spring, as the new teams begin to form for Chicago Magic.



Performance Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Becomes the Sponsor for the Chicago Magic

Josh Feigl, who played for the Chicago Magic is the clinical manager of Performance Physical Therapy of Frankfort. Josh will oversee operations as Performance Physical Therapy becomes the new sponsor for athletic training and rehabilitation for the Chicago Magic. The sponsorship includes providing athletic training coverage to all Chicago Magic tournaments and events throughout the year.

Performance Physical

Therapy will also be opening a rehabilitation office within the Hallmark Sports Club. This office will provide convenient access to all players for injury assessment and treatment. This gives the Magic players the unique opportunity to access a sports medicine professional for advice on various topics such as sports nutrition, supplementation, flexibility, and injury prevention.

Feigl has a Masters Degree in Physical Therapy

and is a Board Certified Orthopedic Specialist. Feigl is one of many professionals at Performance Physical Therapy who is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist. He will use his expertise to design performance enhancement programs for the players of the Magic. These programs will focus on improving players speed, agility, explosiveness, strength, and coordination.

Performance Physical Therapy has locations

throughout Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. They specialize in Orthopedic and Sports Rehabilitation services. A convenient toll free phone number is available for players who are injured while away from the Frankfort area. They can call a medical professional for an injury assessment and consultation at 800-881-3313. Their website is www.4ppts.com.



Former Magic Players Going "Pro"

Six former Magic players were selected in the recent MLS SuperDraft.



Ricardo Clark, one of the top college players at Furman, played with the Magic U19 team this past year and also competed

with the Chicago Fire Reserves. Ricardo was selected second over-all to the MetroStars.

Doug Warren played with the Magic/Sockers as a U17-U19 and played college at Clemson in goal. He was the 14th pick, going to DC United.

Playing for Magic from U6-U19, Tim Regan was selected as the 17th overall pick to the MetroStars. Tim played at Bradley and

also was a member of the Chicago Fire Reserves. Regan was a member of the U16 Magic Dallas Cup Champions.

Hamid Mehreioskouei, also played with the Magic/Sockers and was a team mate of Regan at Bradley. Hamid was drafted 40th to L.A.

Johannes Maliza played for Stanford, and was drafted 46th to San Jose. Johannes played with the Magic/

Sockers team during his U17-U19 seasons.

Dallas selected Andy Rosenband as the 52nd pick of the SuperDraft. Andy was a member of the U19 Magic team in the spring of 2002.

Mike Matkovich stated, "This is a reflection of our program. The hard work of the players, coaches and parents make the Magic one of the top clubs in the United States."

NCAA College Showcase Tournament

Dallas, TX and Southern Methodist University hosted the Men's Soccer NCAA College Final Four in December. Advancing were UCLA, Maryland, Creighton and Stanford, with UCLA

winning the National Title.

In conjunction with the College Tournament, adidas sponsored a 'showcase' tournament for some of the elite

clubs throughout the US. The Magic U16, 17, & 18's participated in this event. Coach Alumbaugh addressed the importance of this tournament by commenting, "Once again

the Chicago Magic was able to showcase our older ages at the NCAA Final Four. This gives us a great opportunity to play top level teams and watch some top college soccer."

Spring Best of the Midwest

The 5th Annual Spring 'Best of the Midwest' Soccer Tournament will take place over the Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26, 2003. As in the past, this years venues will include fields in both the St. Charles and Elgin areas; with Campton Fields as the primary site.

New for the 2003 edition, will be the College Panel discussion. This event will be held on Friday, May 23, be-

ginning at 7:30 pm at the host hotel, Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. Teams at the U16 level and above will be encouraged to bring their teams player profiles for distribution to interested collegiate coaches in attendance. Jeremy Alumbaugh, the Chicago Magic College Coordinator is spear heading this event. Coach Alumbaugh stated, "The Spring 'Best of the Midwest' has always attracted a number of college coaches.

Now we are simply working to make it a more friendly environment for the coaches and interested players."

This year's event is expected to draw 500 teams from throughout the Midwest.

Just a reminder to all Magic Families—you will be asked to volunteer in an assigned capacity during the tournament weekend.

Magic Players Travel to France

Mike Matkovich accompanied Magic players, U14 Eric Lichaj, U15 Taylor Waspi and Quavas Kirk, and U16 David Greenman to France in January. While in France the boys had the opportunity to train with Club Monaco.

Magic ODP Travels

The Olympic Developmental Program has given many Magic Players the opportunity to see various parts of the world. In the past few months the following players have successfully participated the following competitions and training sessions.

Nov. 27-Dec. 2—Fall Interregional Event in Cocoa Beach, FL

Attended by: '88 Players—Kyle Knotek, Eric Lichaj, Alex Holmes

'86 Players—Chay Cain, Colin Kirk

'85 Players—Cole Glassner, Danny May, Erik Ortega, Matt Wieclaw

Dec. 7-8—Germantown Invitational Tournament in Memphis, TN

Attended by '87 Players—Chay Cain, David Greenman, Zach Lambo, Marco Sullo

Jan. 2-6—Interregional Tournament in Chula Vista, CA

Attended by: '84 Players—Joe Ducci, Brad Guzan, Jed Zayner. The '84 All-Star team selections included Zayner and Ducci. Guzan and Zayner were held over to train with the U18 National Team.

Jan 19-26—'88 National Training Camp in Guadelajara, Mexico

Attended by: '88 Players—Quavas Kirk, Kyle Knotek, Eric Lichaj, Taylor Waspi.

Jan. 27-Feb. 3—'87 International Festival in San Jose, Costa Rica

Attended by: '87 Players—Chay Cain, David Greenman, Zach Lambo, Marco Sullo

Feb. 10-16—'85 Futuro Cup in Águas de Lindóia, São Paulo

Attended by: '85 Players—Daniel Grasso, Danny May, Erik Ortega, Matt Wieclaw

Upcoming events:

April 12-22— ODP Tour to Reiti Italy

Attending: '86 Players—Chay Cain, Colin Kirk

Attending: '88 Players— Alex Holmes, Quavas Kirk, Kyle Knotek, Eric Lichaj, Taylor Waspi.

March 14-16—'85 State Team National Championships in Plano TX

Attending: '85 2002 State Players

Coach Matkovich serves as the Regional Coach for the '85 and '87 Boys teams and Coach Hannan serves as the Regional Coach for the '88 Boys team.

Congratulations to all the players that represent the Magic throughout the world!!!!



Indoor Winter Classic is History.....

Chicago Magic was host to its annual Indoor Winter Soccer Classic Tournament at SportsClub. Magic boys and girls teams were given the opportunity to compete against other soccer talents from across the Chicagoland area.

2003

Winter Classic Champs

Boys

U10—Magic 92/93

U11—Magic Chelsea

U12—Magic 90/91

U13—Flamengos U13

U14/15—Magic 87/88 Blue

U16—Magic 86/87

U17/18—Magic 84/85

Girls

U10—T.C. Hotshots

U11/12—SFC '91 Green

U13—Illinois Premier U12

HS—LISC

Magic Calendar of Events

March 15	Gateway/Metro League
March 28-30	Columbus Blast FC Cup
April-August	Y-League Competition
March-April	Regional League
April 4-6	Metro FC Showcase
April 13	IWSL League Begins
April 13-20	Dallas Cup
April 26-27	Magic Invitational
April 26-27	Blue Chip Tournament
April 27	NISL Begins
Mid-May	Fall Try-outs
May 10-June 14	State Cup
May 23-26	Spring 'Best of the Midwest'
June 20-22	Kalamazoo Invitational
June 20-25	USYSA Regionals
June 28-29	Play USA Summer Classic
June 28-July 1	US Club Regionals
July 13-20	USA Cup
July 22-27	USYSA Nationals
August 7-11	US Club Nationals
August 20-24	Y-League Nationals

See "Schedules"/"Tournament" on the Magic website for specific team participation.

Magic Hosts Y-League Championships



Rockford SportsCore II will be the site of the 2003 Y-League National Championships from August 20-24. Chicago Magic will be hosting this tournament with support from the Y-League Administration.

This is the last year the Y-League Championships will be held in August. Starting in 2004, the Y-League season will run through November, resulting in the need for the championship to be played in a warmer climate.

With the Magic hosting this years tournament—all Magic teams will advance to the championship tournament.

Jed Zayner, a member of the U18 Magic, was named the Illinois Boys Player of the Year by the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association and a prep All-American.

Interested in becoming a "Certified Referee"???

Visit the IYSA website at:
<http://www.iysa.org/web/refereclinics.html>

Sign up now for one of the available courses. Successful completion of the class will allow you to be a referee or assistant referee at one of the upcoming Magic tournaments.

College Bound Magic Players



- Cole Glassner**—Dartmouth
- Brad Guzan**—South Carolina
- Colin Kirk**—Western Kentucky
- Tito Lara**—Transferring from Northwestern to Lewis University
- Brian Pasierb**—Southwest Missouri State
- Matt Soldato**—Butler
- Jed Zayner**—Indiana University

Chicago Magic—U14 National Champions



Front Row: Mike Brennan, Connor Gallaway, Derek Lang, Jeff Atkins, Luke Bowden, Jason Drews, Paul Tracy, Josh Pichardo, Shane Merriman, Ross LaBauex, Andrew Duran

Back Row: Coach Matkovich, Ryan Borchardt, Jimmy McManus, Brock Tomilinson, Matt Klancic, Erik Lichaj, Jack Hillgard, Cody Stanley, Charlie Mancuso, Rafael Martinez, Cory Herrick, Paul Borchardt

Thank—you.....

Special thanks goes out to Tom Bonen for all the support he has given to Chicago Magic over the years. Good Luck Tom.

Thanks to Linda Ball and Steve Davidson for your continued assistance with all of the Sports Club scheduling.

Thank you to Athletico for all of the assistance you have given Chicago Magic during our tournaments.

U13 and U15 European Tour

The Magic U13 (89/90) and U15 (87/88) boys teams are in the process of exploring a trip to Europe this Summer. The Magic provides the opportunity for these two age groups to go on this annual trip abroad. For the U15 team, it would be their second trip to Europe, having gone as U13's to Holland and England. The trips director, John Hannan, feels this is a unique opportunity to gain valuable insight into another countries 'soccer' culture. "Playing against foreign teams in their environment, the opportunity to travel like a 'pro' and to experience another countries sights and sounds are invaluable and immeasurable", stated Hannan.

Continue to visit the Chicago Magic web site for Club updates at:

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