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Magic 17's Advance to US Youth Soccer National Championship

The Chicago Magic SC experienced a banner year within the USYSA. Three Magic teams won the Region II Championships and thus earned their way into the National Championships held in Germantown, Maryland on July 24 – 28, 2002. The U14 (87/88), U17 (84/85) & the U19 (82/83) boys teams all competed for USYSA's top crown.

For the U14 & U17 teams, this was their first

time competing for this National Championship. But for the U19 team, it was their third trip in four years, an incredible achievement. Only the U17 managed to advance out of the round robin play to compete in the finals against the Irvine Strikers (CA). Although the score line did not read in our favor, much was gained.

Coach Matkovich addressed the coaching staff thoughts, "Having three

teams from one club at the USYSA National Championship is a terrific accomplishment and speaks volumes about our club. Especially when you consider that we represented one-half of boys teams from Region II at this event".

This was an unforgettable experience for all of the young men that participated and represented the Chicago Magic Soccer Club. Congrats to All!!!!

U14's Compete in National Club Championship

The U14 boys Chicago Magic team will compete in the first ever US Club National Championship to be held on October 19th, 2002 at Brown University in Providence, RI. This event will be held in conjunction with the Major League Soccer (MLS) Championship.

The U14 boys team earned their way to Providence, by winning a regional round-robin held on Sept. 14 & 15 in conjunction with our Boys Fall 'Best of the Midwest' Tournament. They then claimed victors at a sub-national round robin held in Dallas, Texas on

October 5-6, 2002. The boys will meet the East semi-final winner CASL Elite in the Championship. Both teams will be honored in pre-game ceremonies of the 2002 MLS Cup on Sunday, Oct. 20th on ABC – TV.

US Club is only hosting a national championship for the U14 age division with hopes to expand to the other age divisions in 2003.

Matko noted, "The success we are having in this tournament is in part due to the current model we have in place within an age group of pool players. With the new

organization such as US Club, we have the ability to expand our rosters and develop more players. Having two "A" teams in this age group has played a huge part in our success."

"The US Club goal is to be a sounding board for soccer coaches who wish to have more say within their profession and not be at the mercy of administrators who have little or no practical experience in running a soccer club and the particular needs that soccer clubs have", expressed the Magic coaching staff.

2002 MLS CUP

Los Angeles Galaxy vs.
New England Revolution

Sunday, October 20th
12:30 PM Live on ABC



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Fall Best of the Midwest a Success

The 12th Annual Fall “Best of the Midwest” Soccer Tournaments were held over the weekends of September 13-15 & September 27-29, 2002. As in the past, the Naperville Polo Fields were the site of this year’s event.

With over 430 teams representing 12 states at this year’s tournament, and numerous state champions within the age divi-

sions, the Fall “Best of the Midwest” lived up to its reputations as one of this country’s premier soccer tournaments.

Tournament Director, John Hannan, noted, “There are four things that make for a truly successful tournament; good organization, good fields, good weather and good competition. And of these, of course, the

weather is always a question. But even the uncontrollable was in our favor this year. We would be remiss not to thank the ‘Magic Family’ for all of the assistance that they provide. The success of our tournaments is a direct reflection on all of your support and dedication.”

THANK YOU!!!!!!



NCAA College Showcase Invites U16, U17, U18's

Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX will be host to the 2002 NCAA Men's Soccer College Cup on December 13 and 15, 2002. In conjunction with the top college soccer teams competition, there will be a College Showcase Tournament for U16, 17 and U18 teams.

The Magic will have three teams representing our club at the annual tournament. The boys will have the opportunity to play against other top level teams, as well as watch the semi and championship games for the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Title.

“Having our U16, U17,

and U18 teams represented in the three age divisions is a real honor. This invitation only showcase provides our players with yet another terrific opportunity to display their talents before a very large number of college coaches from throughout the United States’, stated Mike Matkovich.

Metro FC Fall Tournament Results

Chicago Magic 11 Chelsea won the U11 Championship vs. Naperville Lightning (U11 State Cup Champs) in a 3-2 shootout.

CM Lightning (U11) lost to Naperville Lightning 3-1 in the semi-finals.

CM U13's lost to the Michigan Metro Stars in the semi-finals 1-0.

CM Stingrays lost the U14 championship to Scott Gallagher 1-0.

Congrats Boys!!!!!!

Disney Showcase..

The Magic 17A and 18A Boys teams have been accepted into the Disney Soccer Showcase from Dec 27-30 at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando.

The boys will be able to showcase their soccer talents as they compete with many of the top club

teams from across the US, in front of highly recognized college coaches. The 2001 tournament attracted 91 teams and more than 350 college coaches from across the country.

Adidas has partnered with US Youth Soccer and its OPD Program to put on an international event

within the Showcase tournament. The group of eight teams will be made up of the four US regional boys ODP teams, the U.S. Under 17 Men's National Team, the Japanese Under 17 Men's National Team, and the Under 17 club teams from AC Milan (Italy) and Fulham (England).

Super Y-League Championship Finals

This past summer saw no break from the game for the Magic coaching staff and players, as the U14, 15, 16, and 17 boys teams competed in the Super Y-League. The teams competed throughout the summer months in the Midwest region with the 14's, 15's and 16's winning their regional division, entitling them to advance on to the National Championships in Raleigh N.C.

Sixteen teams in each age group advanced from

around the United States and Canada for the championships held August 22-25.

The four year old tournament was hosted by CASL (Capital Area Soccer League). This was the first year that Olympic Developmental Program status was granted, and the first year that the Midwest region was represented.

Matko stated, "I am pleased with our success in our first year of participation in this competitive league. It is an

honor for the club to have three teams represented in this highly competitive championship."

Although none of the teams advanced to the championship round, which was aired on Fox Sports World, the club looks forward to competing in this league in the future. As the first building block in the USL pyramid, it opens the doors to higher levels of competition, such as PDL, D3 Pro League and A-League.

Y-League Championship Games

U14 Boys
 vs. Lafreniere SC (0-0)
 vs. FC Delco (0-0)
 vs. Charlotte SC (3-0)

U15 Boys
 vs. FC Portland (1-0)
 vs. Atlanta Fire SC (0-5)
 vs. Boston Bulldogs (5-1)

U16 Boys
 vs. Atlanta Fire SC (3-0)
 vs. New York Freedoms (0-2)
 vs. DeAnza SC (2-1)

What IS.....

USYSA

This organization, which all states belong to, provides an opportunity for all youth players (U19 and younger) to play under their umbrella. The vast majority of this organization serves the recreational player and thus is largely influenced by its



strongest voice. This group host the oldest and most recognized state, regional and national championship along with the Olympic Development Program (ODP), as we now know it.

SUPER Y-LEAGUE

This organization was formed to serve only the elite teams/clubs in the US. Its mission is to only to provide a league where the elite teams play in regional divisions and culminating in a national championship. The season now runs from March to August, but with the possibility of running a year round schedule in the near future. This organization has become the first major challenge to the USYSA. The significant changes relate to roster size and make-up, league structure and the selective nature to which teams are selected to participate.



US CLUB



This organization is open to any club wishing to have more of a say in its governing rules and regulations. Specifically, decisions made for and by 'soccer people' and with player development as its main goal. Its mission is not to provide a playing league, but rather an association of clubs throughout the US who want an alternative to current soccer structures (i.e. USYSA, AYSO...).

2002 Magic Regional Pool Players

'84 Regional Pool

Brad Guzan
 Joe Ducci
 Jed Zayner

'85 Regional Pool

Cole Glassner
 Daniel Grasso
 Danny May
 Erik Ortega
 Matt Wieclaw

'86 Regional Pool

Colin Kirk
 Peter Remedi
 Pat Sperry

'87 Regional Pool

Chay Cain
 David Greenman
 Joe Sauerman
 Chris Schuler

'88 Regional Pool

Alex Holmes
 Quavas Kirk
 Eric Lichaj
 Taylor Waspi

WELCOME new teams to the Magic program:

CM U10 and U13 teams from Darien
 CM U11 team from Lyons
 CM U12 team from Naperville
 CM Chelsea U11 team from Team Chicago

Visit <http://www.sams-army.com> for soccer updates

Magic Calendar of Events

Mid-October	Team Try-outs
November 11	Indoor Session I Begins
January 17-19	Winter Classic Indoor Tournament – Boys
Jan. 31 – Feb. 2	Winter Classic Indoor Tournament – Girls
Late-January	Indoor II Begins
End-March	Spring Season Begins
April 26-27	Magic Invitational
May 23-26	Spring ‘Best of the Midwest’
Mid-May	Fall Try-outs

College Rankings

The Division 1 “College Soccer Rankings” released on 10/13, show numerous Magic players that are currently playing on 12 of the top 20 ranked schools.

- St. Johns** — Matt Groenwald
- Indiana** — Mike Ambersley, Greg Badger, Michael Bock, Ned Grabavoy, Danny O’Rourke
- Stanford** — Johannes Maliza
- Clemson** — Doug Warren, Chase Hilgenbrink
- Southern Methodist** — TJ Tomasso
- Bradley** — Nick Bowden, Joe Ducci, Adam Hage, Ryan Halcrow, Hamid Mehrioukouei, Tim Regan, Shannon Taylor
- St. Louis** — Kevin Wickart
- South Carolina** — Udo Seidel, Jordan Smith
- Furman** — Ricardo Clark
- Wisconsin-Milwaukee** — BJ Blake
- Coastal Carolina** — John DeVae, Casey Jewitt
- Creighton** — Nic Wilson

Sporting FC Fall 2002 Invitational

The Chicago Magic U15 and U16 Girls participated in the Sporting FC Fall Invitational on October 12 & 13 in Peoria. The U16 Girls advanced to the championship, losing a close final 2-1 against the Wolfpack in the U17 Division.

Coming Soon.....

We will be conducting a “conditioning” day at Play USA for all of the West teams in the near future. Watch for details as they unfold.

Indoor Notes:

Chicago Magic Coaches will train the Team Chicago Burn U10 boys during the Indoor season.....

Magic Players Compete in U20 World Qualifier

The Magic will have a number of its players competing in this year’s FIFA U20 World CONCACAF Under-20 Group B Qualifying Tournament to be held November 13-17, 2002 in Charleston SC. Although the final roster has not been released, the following players have all played significant minutes with the US Under-20 Team: Ned Grabavoy, Ricardo Clark, Doug Warren, C J. Klaas, Mike Ambersley, and Danny O’Rourke. Many of these players were part of the U19 Magic team that competed in the USYSA Nationals this past summer. Also from Illinois are players Mike Magee, Craig Capano, and Frank Simek.

The US Under-20 Men’s National Team will face Haiti, El Salvador and Canada in the CONCACAF. The top two finishers in Charleston will advance to the FIFA World Youth Championship in the United Arab Emirates from March 25 – April 16, 2003.

The coaching staff noted, “The true mark of a quality club, isn’t in the number of trophies one acquires, rather in the number of players one sends on. For us, player development stands alone and is our top priority. Having representation at the highest levels of soccer in the United States tell others all they need to know about the Magic and our mission.”

THANK YOU!!!!

The Magic Coaching Staff would like to thank Janice Gentile for all of her work in helping coordinate the West program this past year. As Janice “graduates” from the program, we “welcome” Mike Adler, who will continue forward with the ground work that Janice has put together in this role.

College Bound

Many difficult decisions are currently facing the Magic High School Seniors as they try to decide which college program fits their needs - both academically as well as on the soccer field.

Two current Magic 18’s have committed to college soccer programs.

- Brad Guzan will be playing for the South Carolina Gamecocks.
- Jed Zayner has decided to join fellow Magic player Ned Grabavoy at Indiana University.

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