

Under 12 Gold - 1992s



Back Row (from Left): **D'Arcy Turner, Matthew Lacey, Vincent Paquette, Daniel Pavlich, Keith Maisonville, Tyler Whited, Adam Minovski, James Carvalho**

Front Row (from Left): **Rory Aikman, Dalton Turner, Alex Garon, Nick Ellul, Ryan Jones, Sylvester Albrecht, Kyle Osborne**

Absent from picture: **Corey Beaulieu, Coach - Manny Carvalho, Asst. - Justin Carvalho**

LEAGUES Michigan Premier – Spring



Based on the team's top-four placement in the fall, the team was up against the very best in the state of Michigan for this spring season. The boys got off to an average start with two ties, and a loss that could easily have been two wins and a tie. After that, the boys were close in every game, but weren't able to come out on top very much. The team lost to the eventual league champions, Grand Valley, 3-0, as well as losing to the Michigan State Cup champions, Vardar, by the same score.

Windsor & District Soccer League – Under 13 division – Summer



The boys played an exhibition schedule against one-year-older 1991 teams in the WADSL. The team finished with 5 wins, 3 losses, and a tie in a successful campaign, and outscored their opposition 28 to 14.

Although not as highly competitive as the Michigan leagues, this shortened season was very successful in keeping the boys sharp and in peak condition for tournaments, and in continuing to challenge them physically to match the strength of the older teams.





Ontario Cup

The tournament round started out promising for the boys with a 6-1 victory over London Benfica. But after a 0-0 draw with Oakville, the boys lost the momentum and only managed a tie against the North York Hearts Azzurri. The boys then had to play London Byron Optimist in a meaningless game in terms of standings, but the boys showed their pride in a dominant, yet come-from-behind victory over Byron to finish the tournament in 2nd place, just behind Oakville who advanced to the next round.

Robbie International Tournament

The boys really proved themselves on the provincial stage in this tournament. Their opening game was against Spartacus (North York), the top team in Ontario in 2003, and the eventual CSL and ONTARIO CUP CHAMPIONS this year! The boys refused to give their opponents an inch, as they came out strong and forced the play back and forth. Our boys converted a corner kick late in the first half to jump out to a 1-0 lead over a stunned Spartacus team. The 2nd half showed that we weren't leading just by luck, as we continued to work hard and create some scoring chances. The last five minutes were our downfall, as a missed clearing attempt resulted in an own goal, followed almost immediately by a converted corner kick that gave Spartacus the game. A 9-1 victory over Brampton East 'B', followed by a 3-1 victory over the Nepean Hawks almost gave us the wildcard, but we fell a point short in that pursuit. However, we came away from this with many positives, and the boys showed just how capable they were against the best of the best in Ontario.

Brantford Tournament – Champions!

The boys were the class of this 14-team tournament, cruising through the preliminary round with a 3-0 record, and scoring 14 goals, while only allowing 2. The victories came over Stratford, Burlington, and Sarnia and earned us the bye directly into the semis. The boys faced some stiffer competition on Sunday, but defeated the South Region Elite team from Flamborough and the Greater London Thunder in two dominating yet low-scoring performances to win the championship!

Season Wrap-Up

To wrap things up, we'd like to thank the Windsor F.C. Nationals for giving us the chance to merge the LaSalle Stompers '92 program into the program of the Nationals. Without this cooperation and willingness to try something a bit new, neither of the two original groups would have been able to compete at the level that these boys showed they were capable of playing at. The goal was to put the kids first and foremost in all of this, and with the support shown by both clubs, it's been a great success this year.

