



Under 13 – 96s



Left to right: Anthony Pollock, Christopher Al-Youssef, Stefan Milidrag, Christopher Schultz, Anthony Bontorin, Amitoj Chahal, Christian Drkulec, Tony James Youssef, Ugljesa Cenic, Trevor Brisson, Jeffrey Wielczopolski, Korede Olagbegi, Bryce Phillips, Michael Berardi, Andrew Messina, Patrick Sikora

Michigan Premier (Classic 1 division - spring season)

This was our first turn at the state level. We finished with a record of 6 wins, 2 losses, 1 tie. This placed us in 3rd spot, 2 points short of 1st place. We played very well, especially when we were able to field our full team. The highlight was beating (dominating) the 1st place team in our final game.

WOYSL kick off

Grouped with Byron, Kitchener B, London Southend and Waterloo, it was expected to be smooth sailing into the semi-final. As is often the case, expectations were not met. We scraped through with a second place record of 2 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie. London City had an easy time putting away our banged-up team in the semi-final

Ontario Cup

Our draw included Brampton East, Richmond Hill (defending champs) and Spartacus, all ranked in the top 5 (Terra Power Rankings) at the time, and London Southend Sabres. We were able to tie Brampton East but lost by identical 3-1 scores to Spartacus and Richmond Hill. While our record showed 1 win, 2 losses, and 1 tie, our boys played very well, and were competitive in each game.



Left to right: Jacob Houad, Zane Khan, Christian Drkulec, Jeffrey Wielczopolski, Michael Long, Nathaniel Sherman, Amitoj Chahal, Matthew Hachey-Marentette, Stefan Milidrag, Anthony Pollock, Andrew Messina, Trevor Brisson, Ugljesa Cenic, Bryce Phillips, Christopher Al-Youssef, Anthony Bontorin, Michael Berardi

Missing: Christopher Schultz, Korede Olagbegi, Patrick Sikora, Lyjah Dunn, coach Frank Drkulec, coach Paul Phillips

WOYSL league (L3)

A blazing start and a limp to the finish summarize our WOYSL season. Injuries, vacations and an 18 game schedule, full of back to back games, took its toll on the team late in the year. However, when we needed to win, we did. Our final record was 13 wins and 5 losses. This was good enough for 2nd place in the 10 team league. Our goal was to finish in the top two, with automatic promotion to OYSL. Mission accomplished. It was very satisfying beating Kitchener A twice.

Henderson Tournament

The team had a great tournament, despite playing without several key players. We advanced to the final, only to lose a hard fought battle to Brampton Blast, one of our future OYSL opponents.

Michigan Premier (Premier 2 division – spring season)

As of this writing, our record is 4 wins, 2 ties and 1 loss. We continue to play well, losing points only in games when we are missing significant numbers of players.

Overall Assessment

2009 has been a long (46 league & tournament games), successful and enjoyable year for the 96s. My expectation is for the improvement to continue and for the 96s to be very competitive in OYSL in 2010.

I would like to give thanks to my coaching assistants, Nayaze (Chico) Khan, Paul Phillips and Mike Long.

Also, I thank the dedicated parents of the FC Nationals 96s, for the opportunity to teach their children.

Coach Frank Drkulec

