

Under 9 - 97 Gold



Back Row (Left to Right): Andrew Woodall Dylan Kolic Liam McDonald Liam MacDougall,
Manny Silverio, Noah Pio, Braeden MacDougall

Front Row (Left to Right): Trevor Bryan, Jacob Sapardanis

Under 9 Select Team - 97 Windsor FC Nationals Gold

Being our first year as a Select team, there were many milestones accomplished and lessons learned about competitive level sports by the players, parents, and coaches alike. Without getting in to wins and losses, what we all became aware of is a sense of improvement in skill and knowledge of the game over the season while at the same time developing new friendships. It was nice to see the growth in the young players' understanding of the game of soccer as the season progressed and where dedication to practice was also the key. Dedication to practices had directly resulted in successful game performance. While some players had better focus and practiced harder than others, all fourteen players made strides and improved in skill.



After a grueling and challenging Spring season schedule playing a full two and half years up in the Great Lakes league (GLSL), our boys learned the importance of first touch, heads up soccer, and passing the ball. With some experience under our belts, we honed our skills during the summer house league schedule and later successfully won the championship going undefeated at the Springfield Ohio Invitational Soccer Tournament held in August. The continued success was evident on the boys' faces and by the way they played from there on out. The stage was set for the Fall GLSL season. A year's hard work was paying dividends as the boys went 8-1-1 on the season taking first place in the U11 Superior division.

Coach Mike would like to congratulate his players and parents for a very rewarding, successful 2006 first season of competitive soccer. The boys had fun and learned new skills, but more importantly, the boys learned much about team work at an early age. It was a thorough joy to coach this fun-loving group on individuals and it will make for fond memories. Although the team make-up may change somewhat next year, Coach Mike would like to wish all those players not returned the best of luck in the future. After all, they're only nine and if one puts it all in to perspective, these young boys all have long, bright futures ahead of them, be it in sports, school, and life in general. A special thanks goes out to Assistant Coach Steve Silverio who has taken a head coaching position with the Future Pros Soccer Club. Both he and his son Manny will be sadly missed but not forgotten.

Rest up boys! And remember, we have a busy, bright 2007 soccer season ahead. But don't forget: 'Losers complain, Winners train!'