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106 MIDWEST REGIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS COMPETING AT REGION II CHAMPIONSHIPS

Further cementing its prominent place as the top youth soccer league in its area, the MIDWEST REGIONAL LEAGUE will be represented by 106 teams at the Region II Championships, starting June 24 in Sioux Falls SD.

The Region II Championships, which are part of US Youth Soccer's National Championship Series, will feature 20 MRL Wild Card entries in addition to the 86 State Cup champions who played in the MRL this past season. MRL teams play in the Under 14 through Under 18 age groups in both Boys and Girls competition. The 20 Wild Card teams earned their regional berths after competing in the MRL's 2004 Fall or 2005 Spring Seasons.

"The MRL has the best teams, players and competition for elite youth soccer teams in the Midwest," noted MRL Commissioner Paul Luchowski. "The level of competition in our league far surpasses any other youth soccer league in any organization. Weekly MRL league play throughout the Fall and Spring is a key component in player development for the elite player. Game in and game out players are challenged to perform at their highest levels."

The 106 qualifying teams are based out of the following state associations: Illinois (17 teams), Michigan (14 teams), Indiana (12 teams), Ohio South (12 teams), Ohio North (11 teams), Kentucky (9 teams), Wisconsin (9 teams), Iowa (6 teams), Missouri (6 teams), Minnesota (4 teams), Kansas (4 teams), and Nebraska (2 teams). *A complete listing of teams is on the following page. Teams listed with (MRL) are teams that earned MRL Wild Card Entries.*

ABOUT THE MRL...During the 2004-05 season, the **Midwest Regional League** had 356 elite youth soccer teams participating in Boys and Girls divisions at the Under 14, Under 15, Under 16, Under 17 and Under 18 age groups. The MRL provides the highest standard of competitive play for youth teams and assures the continued growth and development of elite-level players. Top teams from the Premier Divisions in each age group of the MRL earn Wild Card slots in the Region II Championships for the right to advance to the US Youth Soccer National Championships.

The MRL is part of **US Youth Soccer Region II** which is composed of the state youth soccer associations based in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio North, Ohio South, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The region is an administrative part of **US Youth Soccer-The Game for ALL Kids!**®, the largest member of the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body of soccer in the United States. US Youth Soccer registers more than 3.2 million players annually, ages 5 to 19, in 55 member state associations. US Youth Soccer programs provide a fun, safe and healthy environment for players at every level of the game.

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**2004-05
MRL TEAMS AT THE REGION II CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Age Group	Team Name
ILLINOIS	17 teams
U14 Boys	CHICAGO MAGIC
U14 Girls	ILLINOIS PREMIER
U14 Girls	TEAM CHICAGO (MRL)
U15 Boys	CAMPTON RAPTORS
U15 Boys	CHICAGO MAGIC (MRL)
U15 Boys	SOCKERS FC CHICAGO (MRL)
U15 Girls	CHICAGO MAGIC
U15 Girls	SOCKERS FC CHICAGO (MRL)
U16 Boys	CHICAGO MAGIC
U16 Girls	ECLIPSE SELECT
U17 Boys	CHICAGO MAGIC
U17 Boys	SOCKERS FC CHICAGO (MRL)
U17 Girls	ECLIPSE SELECT
U18 Boys	SOCKERS FC CHICAGO
U18 Boys	CHICAGO MAGIC (MRL)
U18 Girls	WINDY CITY PRIDE
U18 Girls	ECLIPSE SELECT (MRL)

Age Group	Team Name
MICHIGAN	14 teams
U14 Boys	MICHIGAN WOLVES
U14 Boys	VARDAR (MRL)
U15 Boys	VARDAR
U16 Boys	MICHIGAN WOLVES
U16 Boys	VARDAR (MRL)
U16 Girls	MICHIGAN HAWKS
U16 Girls	BLOOMFIELD FORCE (MRL)
U17 Boys	GRAND VALLEY PREMIER
U17 Boys	VARDAR (MRL)
U17 Girls	VARDAR
U17 Girls	MICHIGAN HAWKS (MRL)
U18 Boys	MICHIGAN METROSTARS
U18 Boys	MICHIGAN WOLVES (MRL)
U18 Girls	VARDAR

Age Group	Team Name
INDIANA	12 teams
U14 Boys	CARMEL UNITED
U14 Boys	FT. WAYNE FEVER ACADEMY (MRL)
U14 Girls	FT. WAYNE FEVER ACADEMY
U15 Boys	INDY BURN
U15 Girls	FC PRIDE TWISTERS
U16 Boys	CARMEL UNITED COSMOS
U16 Girls	CARMEL UNITED CROSSFIRE
U16 Girls	DYNAMO KATNER (MRL)
U17 Boys	CARMEL UNITED
U17 Girls	CARMEL UNITED CYCLONES
U18 Boys	DYNAMO KATNER
U18 Girls	CARMEL UNITED HEAT

Age Group	Team Name
OHIO SOUTH	12 teams
U14 Boys	OHIO FC MUTINY
U14 Girls	OHIO ELITE
U15 Boys	OHIO FC EAGLES BLACK
U15 Girls	CLASSICS HAMMER
U16 Boys	CUP RED
U16 Girls	OHIO PREMIER GREEN
U17 Boys	AMBASSADOR FC
U17 Girls	CUP RED (MRL)
U17 Girls	CUP WHITE
U18 Boys	OHIO FC/TEAM DAYTON
U18 Girls	OHIO PREMIER (MRL)
U18 Girls	OHIO ELITE

Age Group	Team Name
OHIO NORTH	11 teams
U14 Girls	INTERNATIONALS
U15 Boys	INTERNATIONALS
U15 Girls	INTERNATIONALS-PACESETTERS (MRL)
U15 Girls	OHIO PREMIER
U16 Boys	CLEVELAND SOCCER ACADEMY (MRL)
U16 Boys	INTERNATIONALS
U16 Girls	INTERNATIONALS
U17 Boys	INTERNATIONALS
U17 Girls	CLEVELAND COBRAS
U18 Boys	CLEVELAND SOCCER ACADEMY
U18 Girls	INTERNATIONALS

Age Group	Team Name
KENTUCKY	9 teams
U14 Boys	JAVANON
U14 Girls	JAVANON
U15 Boys	JYSA UNITED
U15 Girls	LFC PREMIER
U16 Boys	JYSA UNITED
U16 Girls	JAVANON
U17 Boys	LFC PREMIER
U17 Girls	LFC PREMIER
U18 Boys	JAVANON

Age Group	Team Name
WISCONSIN	9 teams
U14 Girls	FC MILWAUKEE
U15 Boys	FC MILWAUKEE
U15 Girls	FC MILWAUKEE
U16 Boys	MADISON 56ERS
U16 Girls	FC MILWAUKEE
U17 Boys	BROOKFIELD RED
U17 Girls	FC MILWAUKEE
U18 Boys	FC MILWAUKEE
U18 Girls	FC MILWAUKEE

Age Group	Team Name
IOWA	6 teams
U14 Boys	CEDAR RIVER SOCCER ASSN
U14 Girls	WEST DES MOINES XTREME
U15 Girls	WEST DES MOINES QUEST
U16 Boys	CEDAR RIVER SOCCER ASSN
U17 Girls	WEST DES MOINES STORM
U18 Girls	ANKENY PREMIER

Age Group	Team Name
MISSOURI	6 teams
U14 Girls	WOLFPACK SOCCER CLUB
U15 Boys	SCOTT GALLAGHER
U15 Girls	ST. LOUIS SOCCER CLUB
U16 Boys	SCOTT GALLAGHER
U16 Girls	ST. LOUIS SOCCER CLUB
U17 Girls	J. B. MARINE

Age Group	Team Name
MINNESOTA	4 teams
U16 Boys	MAPLEBROOK SC RACING BLAST
U17 Boys	WINGS SC
U18 Boys	WINGS FC
U18 Girls	BLACKHAWKS

Age Group	Team Name
KANSAS	4 teams
U14 Girls	KC DYNAMOS
U15 Boys	BLUE VALLEY STARS
U17 Girls	KCFC ALLIANCE
U18 Girls	KC DYNAMOS

Age Group	Team Name
NEBRASKA	2 teams
U14 Girls	ARSENAL PRIMO (MRL)
U16 Boys	ARSENAL BLUEJAYS

Teams may have been omitted, especially if they have changed team names since MRL participation

