



NEWS RELEASE

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MIDWEST REGIONAL LEAGUE SPRING SEASON CONCLUDES

The MIDWEST REGIONAL LEAGUE recently concluded its most successful season to date, crowning 28 division champions (complete list follows). During the MRL's Spring 2005 Season, more than 4,500 players on 252 teams, competed across five age groups in Boys and Girls competition at the Premier and First Division levels. Complete standings and results can be found at www.MidwestRegionalLeague.com

Featuring a newly implemented promotion/relegation system for the 2006 Spring Season, MRL competition was fierce right to the final whistle. Ten Boys Premier Division titles were crowned, led by the **Chicago Magic** who captured U14, U17 and U18 titles. The **Chicago Sockers** won U15 and U17 titles. Other winners include: **Michigan Wolves** (U14), **Vardar** (U15), **Cleveland Soccer Academy** (U16), **Scott Gallagher** (U16), and **FC Milwaukee** (U18). In the Girls Premier Divisions, **Carmel United** swept titles at the U16, U17 and U18 levels, while **FC Milwaukee** captured the U14 crown and **Internationals/Pacesetters** the U15 title.

Thirteen teams won titles in the First Divisions -- all earning promotion into the Premier Division for the Spring 2006 Season: **Bloomington Cutters** (Boys U14), **Metro United** (Boys U15), **CUP** (Boys U15), **CRSA** (Boys U16), **Blast FC** (Boys U16), **Michigan Wolves** (Boys U17), **Brookfield** (Boys U17), **Grand Valley** (Boys U17), **HUSA** (Boys U18), **Ohio Premier [South]** (Girls U14), **FC Pride** (Girls U15), **CUP** (Girls U16), and **Ohio Premier [South]** (Girls U17).

FALL SEASON TEAM REGISTRATION CONTINUES TO JULY 1

After 106 MRL teams participate at the Region II Championships starting June 24, the focus of the MRL will turn to the 2005 Fall Season. Team registration for the fall season is in process and will continue until July 1. The team registration fee is \$350, and applications can only be made on-line at www.MidwestRegionalLeague.com. Competition this Fall Season will include Girls Premier and First Division play at the Under 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 age groups; and the Boys Under 14 age group, where teams will play in First Division competition to determine the Spring 2006 Premier Division teams. Further information is available on-line at www.MidwestRegionalLeague.com

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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2005 Spring Season Champions

DIVISION	TEAM (STATE ASSOCIATION)
Boys Under 14 Premier Division Red	Chicago Magic (IL)*
Boys Under 14 Premier Division Blue	Michigan Wolves (MI)*
Boys Under 14 First Division	Bloomington Cutters Red (IN)
Boys Under 15 Premier Division Red	Vardar (MI) *
Boys Under 15 Premier Division Blue	Chicago Sockers (IL)
Boys Under 15 First Division Red	Metro United (IL)
Boys Under 15 First Division Blue	CUP (OH-S)
Boys Under 16 Premier Division Red	Cleveland Soccer Academy (OH-N)
Boys Under 16 Premier Division Blue	Scott Gallagher (MO)
Boys Under 16 First Division Red	CRSA (IA)*
Boys Under 16 First Division Blue	Blast FC (OH-S)
Boys Under 17 Premier Division Red	Chicago Magic (IL)*
Boys Under 17 Premier Division Blue	Chicago Sockers (IL)
Boys Under 17 First Division Red	Michigan Wolves (MI)
Boys Under 17 First Division Blue	Brookfield (WI)*
Boys Under 17 First Division White	Grand Valley (MI)*
Boys Under 18 Premier Division Red	FC Milwaukee (WI)*
Boys Under 18 Premier Division Blue	Chicago Magic (IL)
Boys Under 18 First Division	HUSA (IL)
Girls Under 14 Premier Division	FC Milwaukee (WI)*
Girls Under 14 First Division	Ohio Premier (OH-S)
Girls Under 15 Premier Division	Internationals/Pacesetters (OH-N)
Girls Under 15 First Division	FC Pride Twisters (IN)*
Girls Under 16 Premier Division	Carmel Crossfire (IN)*
Girls Under 16 First Division	CUP (OH-S)
Girls Under 17 Premier Division	Carmel Cyclones (IN)*
Girls Under 17 First Division	Ohio Premier (OH-S)
Girls Under 18 Premier Division	Carmel (IN)*

* State Cup Champion

The following teams are representing the MRL at the Region II Championships as MRL Wild Card Entries

DIVISION	TEAM (STATE ASSOCIATION)
Boys Under 14 #1	Vardar (MI)
Boys Under 14 #2	Fort Wayne Fever Academy (IN)
Boys Under 15 #1	Chicago Magic (IL)
Boys Under 15 #2	Chicago Sockers (IL)
Boys Under 16 #1	Cleveland Soccer Academy (ON)
Boys Under 16 #2	Vardar (MI)
Boys Under 17 #1	Vardar (MI)
Boys Under 17 #2	Chicago Sockers (IL)
Boys Under 18 #1	Michigan Wolves (MI)
Boys Under 18 #2	Chicago Magic (IL)
Girls Under 14 #1	Team Chicago (IL)
Girls Under 14 #2	Arsenal Primo (NE)
Girls Under 15 #1	Chicago Sockers (IL)
Girls Under 15 #2	Internationals/Pacesetters (ON)
Girls Under 16 #1	Bloomfield Force (MI)
Girls Under 16 #2	Dynamo (IN)
Girls Under 17 #1	Michigan Hawks (MI)
Girls Under 17 #2	CUP Red (OS)
Girls Under 18 #1	Eclipse (IL)
Girls Under 18 #2	Ohio Premier (OS)