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President's Cup Success!

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What a weekend! This past weekend the OYSA fall season came to close with the Championship for the Presidents Cup. Heading into the weekend we had 6 teams vying for the opportunity to be called Presidents Cup Champions;

06B Reds 2 – Coach Tony Sino
04B White 1 – Coach Jeff Lukowiak
07G Reds 2 – Coach Antonio Buckley
06G Reds 2 – Coach Jaide Graham
05G Reds 2 – Coach John Samwell
04G White 1 – Coach Brian Holt

Additional intriguing storylines heading into the weekend. Coach Jaide Graham was heading into the weekend winning the past two years GU12 Presidents Cups and looking for a 3-peat. We also had Brian Holt with the 04G group which was his fourth year making it the championship weekend.

As Saturday concluded four of our teams earned their way to the championship game. Our 04G White 1 and 06B Reds 2 both narrowly lost in the semis, both games were 2-1, and both teams lost to the eventual champions.

Sunday morning starting off with the 07G Reds 2 taking on FC Portland White. A team they played in season, which was an extremely entertaining game. The sequel did not let us down. After coming off a semi in which we won 1-0 with a late winner in double OT. Naomi banged away a corner from Kendall in the dying moments of the 2nd half to take home the title 1-0.

On deck was the 06G Reds 2. After knocking off a good Bend team 2-1 on Saturday, they were set to take on a Corvallis team they tied 0-0 in the groups stage. From the starting whistle the Reds 2 dominated possession and played with a style of play that Corvallis couldn't touch. Late

in the first half a good little spell of possession was finished off by Mikayla Lee. 2nd half was more of the same, and we were unlucky not to bang away more goals. Stout defending in the middle by Rowan and Addi, and solid GK by Maddie allowed the game to finish up 1-0. The GU12 Presidents Cup trophy will forever be renamed the Graham Cup.

Next up was the 04B White 1. They also were matched up against a Corvallis team, one that Coach Jeff said was the toughest team they played this fall. The boys were coming off a 3-1 win in the semis vs a CUSC team. The final was a hard fought match that finished 0-0 in regular time and overtime. Game ended up being decided on kicks from the mark, where we came up a little short. This results does not overshadow what Jeff and Jason have done with these boys...not only on the pitch but life lessons.

Sunday finished up with our 05G Reds 2. They entered the final after dismissing PCU 2-0 in the semis. In keeping with the day's theme, they also got matched up vs a Corvallis team. Reds 2 started well and jumped on them early with an effort from Hana early in the first half to take it 1-0. Consistent pressure and a very organized backline kept it 1-0 going into the half. 2nd half was more of the same. Our team showing the club's style of play and heart. It was too much for Corvallis. Midway through the 2nd half Reds 2 earned a free kick, and Hana smartly took it quickly and banged it away to go up 2-0. Reds 2 comfortable controlled the rest of the game and finished it out to a 2-1 victory.

It was an amazing weekend of soccer. The club is extremely proud of the accomplishments of these teams. You represented the club well. Jeff Castagnola – Academy Director