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### **Colonials Youth Teams Fight back in YPSL**

The Morris County Colonials traveled down to Atlantic City over the weekend to take part in the second weekend of YPSL competition.

The U11's were again represented by 'White' and 'Maroon' teams. In the 'Maroon's' first game against West Chester, the first half was a case of settling in a team shape with a lot of players playing out of position Brian Colotii and Morgan Platt leading by example. The team worked hard, challenging for the ball at every opportunity. A change of formation served the team well in the second half, the Colonials not conceding in the second half and pulling a goal back to make the score 6-1. In their second game against the AC Diablos, the Colonials again fought bravely, making good forward passes to the offence. Colin McGuire dominated the midfield in an exceptional individual performance; also scoring a well deserved goal to make the final score 8-1. In their final game, the Colonials were disappointed to let in a few soft goals as well as missing a penalty as events conspired against them. David Bloise, making strong runs from midfield drove the team forward when ever possible until the end; the final score being 8-3. The 'White' team came away with a 1-1-1 record after getting off to a great start; beating the AC Diablos. After a slow start which saw the Diablos take a 2-0 lead, the Colonials got into their stride, making strong challenges and working the ball well on offense. They boys worked until the very end and were rewarded for their efforts with a 3-2 win. In an entertaining second game against the Philadelphia Liberty, the Colonials tied 2-2. having been energized by the dramatic comeback against the Diablos, the Colonials started strongly and took a 2-0 lead. Their joy was short lived as the team began to run out of energy and the Liberty continued to push forward, eventually pulling the score back to 2-2. With the game in the balance, both teams had their chances to win the game; each missing a penalty kick and the Colonials hitting the bar; a tie being a fair result overall. In their final game, the team ran out of steam with lots of tired legs playing against a strong Lancaster Inferno side. The team fought their hardest but did not have enough to hold the Inferno, loosing 1-0 in the end.

The U16 Boys again enjoyed mixed fortunes. A slow start in their first game against the Inferno, a slow start proved costly with Lancaster taking an early 2-0 into second half. Derek Lipton scored the first of two goals just after the break; Lancaster with a 3-2 lead going into the 90<sup>th</sup> minute. As the Colonials pushed forward for an equalizer, they were hit on the counter attack, conceding again before the final whistle to make the score 4-2. The Colonials endured another close game against the Philadelphia Liberty in their second outing. After dominating possession but failing to capitalize on the chances they created, the Colonials conceded 2 goals in the final minutes, disappointingly loosing 2-0. In their final game, against the same Diablos side that they tied with last weekend, the Colonials did well to win 3-2. Battling hard throughout, the Colonials had the lions share of the possession and created good opportunities; Ryan Krasno making to most of two such chances.

Meanwhile, in Neptune, U9 and U10 players were representing the Magic and Colonials in the pre-YPSL tournament. On the boys side, the U9's endured a difficult Saturday, loosing 5-2 to Holmdel and 7-1 to NETSA, before coming back strongly to win 5-1 against UPA on Sunday. The U10 Colonial's team fair better, enjoying comfortable 7-1 and 8-0 victories against Neptune and Ironbound respectively before tying 1-1 in their final game. On the girls side, the U9 Magic team were unbeaten, winning their opening game 5-2 against Neptune before dominating Franklin Shooting Stars in a 6-0 win. Their final game was cut short due to the weather, the Magic in control of the game at the time with a 4-1 lead. Finally, the U10 Magic team had a mixed weekend, loosing 2-0 to NETSA Spain and 4-1 to USP Soccer in between winning 3-0 an 5-0 against Tinton Falls and Marlboro Blue Wave respectively; Julia Burakovsky and Meg Damstrom named as MVPs.

Next weekend see's the Millburn Magic YPSL teams travel to West Chester, PA where they will be hosted by the Philadelphia Liberty.

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