

# MILLBURN MAGIC

## Press Release



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### **Magic Youth Teams in Competition**

With the Youth Premier Soccer League (YPSL) having kicked off on Saturday, all the Morris County Colonials the Millburn Magic youth teams were taking part in competitions this past weekend. While the older age groups traveled to West Chester, PA for the YPSL competition, in pre-YPSL action, the Magic U8 and U9 and teams traveled to Rhode Island to compete in the Seaside Classic tournament.

After suffering defeat in their first game, a fantastic team performance with goals from Emma Hou, Makenna Davis and Melissa Gates saw the U8's win 3-1 their first game. Playing up at U9 saw the U8's face off against the Millburn U9 team in a game that saw the difference a year makes as the extra strength and speed of the older Millburn team carried them to a 4-0 win. On top of their win against their sister team, the Magic U9's earned two hard fought draws to give them a 1-2-1 record. While Olivia Cashen caused problems on offense with her dribbling skills, Olivia Stack and Oril Forster were outstanding on defense for the Magic.

Over in West Chester, PA, the Magic U10 team performed remarkably in every game; their results not matching their endeavors. After losing 5-0 against the highly rated Albertson Long Island team, the Magic, steered by Sarah Mosesson on defense, went on to dominate large parts of their games against the AC Diablos and Magic U11 team before loosing 2-0 in both encounters. The Magic ended their weekend on a high with a 5-0 win over the Adirondack Lynx; Natalie Becker with a hat trick while Ashley Chipoletti was outstanding in midfield. Playing in the same age bracket, the Magic U11 team also suffered defeat against the Diablos and Albertson before their extra size and strength saw them overcome the Magic 10's; goals from the lightning quick Silvana Poulter and Kira White securing the win. In their final game of the weekend, superb performances from Paige Willan and Barbara Paiva in particular were not enough for the Magic who ended the weekend with a 2-0 loss. The Magic U13's got their summer off to a flying start coming from 2-0 down to beat the AC Diablos 3-2; Cathleen Reis with the winning goal late on. After holding Albertson at 2-2 for a long time, the quality of the Long Island team shone through late on as they overcame the Magic in a 5-3 win. After a closely contested game against Adirondack was settled by a single Lynx goal, a hat trick from Barbara Paiva helped secure a 4-3 victory over Philadelphia in the Magic's final game of the weekend. In a dramatic turnaround, the U14 event saw the Magic go down 6-0 to the Philadelphia Independence on Saturday before holding the host club to a 0-0 tie less than 24 hours later. Magic defender Kristy Levan credited with an outstanding individual performance in the second game to keep the Independence at bay. Despite dominating against the Diablos, the Magic were were held to a 1-1 in their second game before a solid defensive display and a left footed strike from Margot Chowansky gave the Magic a 1-0 win over Albertson. The Magic U17's took pole position in the standings after the first weekend with a well fought out 3-2 win over the AC Diablos and an entertaining 3-3 tie against the Revolution. The Magic's forward partnership of Katherine McDonnell and Rosin O'Toole caused countless problem for the opponents defenses; McDonnell with 3 goals and 2 assists and O'Toole with 2 goals and assists. Last year's U16 Champions will again be the team to beat as the teams head to the Golden Goal complex, NY, for the second weekend of competition.

Finally, the Magic were represented down at the CJ Invitational Tournament by the U12 team. After a bright start, defensive errors proved costly as the Magic slipped to a 3-1 defeat in their opening game before dominating possession in a 1-0 win in their second; Emily Valrain with the winner late on. A neat finish from Valrain again put the Magic up 1-0 in their next game against DTS. Having to spend much of the game under pressure and despite valiant efforts in goal from Allie Boyd in goal, the Magic failed to hold their lead and ended up tying the game 1-1 before going down 2-0 in their final game.

The Millburn Magic are part of the New Jersey Soccer Group, a management company for a family of soccer based organizations offering a full range of soccer services in New Jersey.

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