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Colonials Host Successful YPSL Tournament Weekend

After the July 4th celebrations, this weekend saw the Morris County Colonials host the latest YPSL tournament with both Colonials and Millburn Magic competing at ages U11 through U16.

On the girls side, the U12s played twice against the AC Diablos. After a bright start with many chances on goal, the Magic put in a battling performance. However, tired legs and minds towards the end resulted in the Magic being edged out of the points in a 1-0 defeat; a huge improvements across the field for the Magic from the previous weeks efforts against the Diablos. In their second game, the pattern remained much the same, the Magic fighting hard to close out the Diablos but fading towards the end, this time going down 2-0.

The Magic's struggles against the Diablos continued in the U14 games, both 'Blue' and 'White' teams loosing out to their New Jersey counterparts. The 'Blue' team did well in the first half, spurred on by good defensive work from Alex Ashmore and Arianna Robertson but, as in the previous meeting between the two, the second half was marked by a loss of concentration allowing the Diablos to score easily in a 3-0 victory. Meanwhile, the 'White' team started slowly against the Diablos and struggled to combat their mixture of the long ball tactics and physical style of play. This resulted in the Magic finding themselves 3-0 down at the break. A brighter second half display was rewarded by a goal from Adaria Doherty but this was not enough to spur the Magic on as they slipped to a 5-1 defeat. Sunday saw the 'Blue' and 'White' teams battle each other. A stunning first minute strike from Doherty gave the 'White' team an early lead before complacency at the back and the speed of Emily Hoffman upfront saw the 'Blue' team take a 2-1 lead. With the game balanced at 2-2 with 15 minutes to play, a tie looked a fair result. However, poor defensive efforts from the 'Blue' team saw the 'White' team end the game 5-2 winners with Paige Lazar scoring all 4 goals for the 'White' team; the best of the bunch a fine finish after good build up play from the Magic to add the 5th goal.

The U16 Magic girls enjoyed a 4-1 victory against the Bergen Blast in their opening game. After a competitive first half, the Magic took control after the break; Kerry Prime with a hat-trick, her second in consecutive weeks for the Magic. The Magic carried their second half performance into their second game against the Diablos as they dominated possession across the field. Poor finishing being the downfall of the team on a number of occasions after smart build up play. Despite their dominance, the soft free kick saw Amanda Mojica in goal for the Magic make a fantastic save only for the rebound to fall into the path of the Diablos forward who tapped in the winning goal in a 1-0 loss for the Magic.

On the boys side, the Colonials U14 team enjoyed an easy opening game against the Philadelphia Liberty. In a 7-0 win, Dan Mahler scored a great header after good work from Vincent Pugli, who went on to score 2 goals himself. Defender-turn-striker Max Marchiano also helped himself to a couple of goals as the Colonials were far superior to their opposition. The Colonials then cruised to two high scoring wins against the AC Diablos; winning 6-0 and 7-1. Good early work from Keeper Todd Cohn was built on by the Colonials; Jimmy Didyoung helping himself to a hat-trick in the second game whilst the work from Eric Saunders and Brandon Levan proved decisive in both games. Finally, the U16 Colonials, despite having plenty of chances to score, had to settle for a 0-0 tie in their opening game against the Bergen Blast 'White' team. Their second game against the Diablos followed suit; hard working across the field, the Colonials failed to make the most of the chances. Ryan Krasnoo poked the ball home from all of 3 inches out in the first minute but the Colonials were pinned back 5 minutes into the second half, conceding to make the final score 1-1. Their final game against the Bergen Blast 'Red' team saw the Colonials slip to an unusual defeat. Despite John Petriello equalizing after 25 minutes and Eddie Bender saving a penalty in an ill-tempered affair, the Colonials were outplayed in large parts by the Blast who deserved their 4-1 win.

This coming weekend see's the YPSL teams return to West Chester PA where they will be hosted by the Philadelphia Liberty in the final weekend of competition before the playoff weekend. The Colonials & Magic are part of The New Jersey Soccer Group, a management company representing a family of soccer based organizations offering a full range of soccer services in northern New Jersey.

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