

12/11/2005

**U16 Elite Wins Division at the CASL Showcase Shootout**

The U16 Boys Concorde-Fire Elite team won the Champion A Division of the CASL Showcase Shoot-out 2005, held in Raleigh, N.C. The championship teammates are Nhan Doan, Nicolas Vernet, Tim Nixon, Nick Burton, Garrett Jack, Ray Ferro, Brian Thomas, Chris Peacos, Connor Barbaree, Kevan George, Jamie Deal, Jahan Threeths, Riley Sumpter, Eduardo Gonzalez, Ben Leblois, Alex Evert and Sean Hoek. The team, coached by Gregg Blasingame, recorded three shutouts in their four games.

12/02/2005

**Concorde Fire U16 Athena Black Wins Triumph Cup**

The U16 Athena Black team ended the season with a big win at the Triumph Cup. Coached by Stafford Zeon, the girls started the weekend with a 2-0 win, followed by two ties, allowing only one goal. With the division tied in points, the girls were forced into a shootout. The girls won the shootout, which secured their spot in the finals. The championship game ended in yet another tie, and forced the girls into a second shootout. The girls were again victorious, winning 5-4.

12/01/2005

**U18 Concorde Fire Draws US U17 '89 MNT in Opening Match at 2005 Nike Friendlies**

Josmer Altidore scored a second half goal as the U.S. Under-17 '89 Men's National Team drew U18 Concorde Fire 1-1 in the opening match for all U.S. teams at the 2005 Nike Friendlies. Concorde got on the board first, converting their only shot of the match just before the end of the 40 minute half. Defender Tyler Ruthven played a long, looping cross into the area to Adam Himeno who found space at the far post. Himeno calmly settled, and finished inside the far post as U.S. goalkeeper Brandon Bumpas came off his line. The U.S. leveled six minutes into the second half on a great individual effort by Altidore. The striker took a ball in at the endline to the right of goal and fired a tight angled shot past the keeper and inside the far post from only steps away from the ball going over the endline. A save and an outstanding defensive play in the same sequence kept the U.S. out of the back of the Concorde net in the 16th minute. Edgar Barajas' shot was saved by Concorde's Jay Tison, and the rebound went out to the top left side of the area where Peri Marosevic bent a goal-bound shot over the exposed keeper, only to see Concorde left back Thomas Storey recover to make an acrobatic goal line clearance.

11/20/2005

**Concorde Fire Teams Win at The Tornado Challenger Cup 2005**

Congratulations to our teams who won their divisions at the The Tornado Challenger Cup 2005 (Formerly the NE Georgia Cup):

- U09 Boys
- U11 Girls
- U12 Boys North
- U13 Boys

10/10/2005

**Concorde-Fire U13 Elite West Wins Second Tournament of the Season**



The U13 Elite West, coached by Ibrahim Abousaud, took the top bracket at the Brentwood Fall Tournament in Tennessee. Their 2-0-2 record represented the only team to go unbeaten in the Gold division, which included the #1 and #2 ranked teams in Tennessee, as well as the #1 ranked team from Georgia. This championship follows their earlier victory at the Huntsville Summer Classic in August, where the team scored a total of 22 goals without conceding a single goal to their opposition.

09/25/2005

**Concorde Fire U15 Black Wins 2nd Straight Tournament**

On Sunday, the U15 Boys Black team, coached by Terry Wilson, won the RBC Liberty Classic in Greenville, SC. This is the boys second tournament of the season and second championship win, with the first being the Silverbacks tournament at the end of August. The team won all three preliminary games: 5-1, 3-2 and 2-1 and the championship game against fellow Georgia team, Peachtree City Lazars 5-3. With nearly half of the roster being new additions, the players have developed strong team chemistry.

09/05/2005

**U16 Boys Elite Team Wins Division at Atlanta Cup 2005 - Again!**

The U16 Boys Concorde-Fire Elite team kicked off their Fall season by winning the Cup Division at Atlanta Cup 2005. This is the second year in a row that this team has won the Cup Division of Atlanta Cup in their age group. The team recorded two shutouts in their opening rounds and scored 15 goals in 5 games, while only allowing 5 goals.

08/28/2005

**'91 U15 Concorde Fire Black Wins Silverbacks Tournament**

The U15 Black team won their opening pre season tournament on Sunday, August 28th. Having just moved up to Classic I for the Fall 2005 season and being faced with half of the roster being brand new to the team, the squad entered the most competitive level of the tournament. Coach by Terry Wilson and Adrian Powell the boys overcame a variety of obstacles--their roster was down to 13 players as one player broke his wrist the week before the tournament and the boys had very little practice time because of the weather. The team pulled together winning all three of their games, with two wins against other Classic I teams in their division. The team put together a strong defensive stance and only gave up one goal the entire tournament. The championship game was played against AFC Lightning, another Classic I division team, and was won with the team only having 12 players by a score of 1-0. The wins were definitely a "team effort", every player contributed in posting the team's first tournament championship.

05/20/2005

**Concorde Fire Hires Girls' Program Director**

Concorde Fire is proud to announce the appointment of our first Girls' Program Director, Brad O'Kelley. Brad is joining us from our fellow Nike Club, Austin Capitals, one of the most competitive soccer programs in Texas.

Brad has been the Senior Girls' Director at the Capitals for the past four years. In addition, Brad has been the Men's and Women's Head Coach at St. Mary's University



and the Head Women's Coach at Southwest Texas State University. Brad is currently the South Texas ODP Head Staff Coach (92 Girls) and State Clinician. He holds a NSCAA Premier Diploma, a USSF Youth license, a USSF 'B' license, and has plans to complete his 'A' this year.

Brad said, "I am thrilled to have an opportunity to help build the girls' program at such a nationally ranked club. My goal is to make the program as successful as the club's boys' program already is." Tony Annan, Director of Coaching said, "It's great news for our club to have such a quality Girls' Director come to us and really get a grip on our program. We are very excited to have Brad. I think our program will really benefit."

Brad will start with the club June 1. He is married and has two children.

02/28/2005

### **U11 Concorde Fire White North Wins Concorde Fire Challenge Cup**

The U11 Concorde Fire White North team won their host season-opening Concorde Fire Challenge Cup. The championship teammates are Brandon Rogers, Nini Pinzon, Conor Haley, Matthew Mr. Kaiserman, Daniel Gibson, Michael Beatrice, Cole Kemper, Kyle Cotter, Cooper Flood, Andy Zipp, Parker Embry and Jamie Daffner. The team, coached by Mathew Cox, recorded two shutouts in their opening rounds with goals from several players and superb goalkeeping from Andy Zipp. The semi-final game was won in overtime on penalty kicks from Michael Beatrice, Cole Kemper, Parker Embry and Kyle Cotter. The team clinched the title game with goals from Brandon Rogers, Nini Pinzon and Jamie Daffner and finally a sudden death overtime golden goal from Nini Pinzon. Congratulations to the entire team for a great tournament win!

02/22/2005

### **Concorde Fire North White Boys U11 Goes To Savannah Cup**

The Concorde Fire North White Boys U11 team kicked their spring season off to a great start by reaching the Silver Championship finals in the Coastal Georgia Soccer Association's Savannah Cup in late January. The team recorded two shutouts during the tournament with a combination of great defense and many saves from keepers Andy Zipp and Kyle Cotter..

02/05/2005

### **National Staff coach Juan Carlos Michia comes to Concorde Fire**

On Saturday, February 5th Concorde Fire Soccer Club was honored to have National Staff team coach Juan Carlos Michia come and take two sessions with the clubs U13 boys and U14 boys teams. It was a great experience for both teams working with a coach of Juan Carlos' ability and insight to the game.

"It was fantastic for the boys to be able to work with and be exposed to a coach of this level, and a great chance for Juan Carlos to see some of the talented players in our club" said Tony Annan, Concorde Fire's Director of Coaching. This opportunity was provided to the club due to our Nike Premier Club status, Concorde Fire is one of 30 clubs across the nation to have this recognition, and we look forward to more



exciting events. Concorde Fire would like to thank Juan Carlos Michia for taking time from his busy schedule to do this for our club.

02/03/2005

**Concorde Fire Listed as Top 10 Youth Soccer Club**

Soccer America has named Concorde Fire Soccer Club as the #10 boys soccer club in the nation. For the second year, SOCCER AMERICA Magazine includes Concorde Fire in the top 20 soccer clubs, based on success of their teams in the three national youth competitions over the last three years, with an emphasis on success at the regional and national levels in U.S. Youth Soccer's National Championships, and recognition for players they have sent to national and regional teams in 2004.

01/08/2005

**Concorde Fire Players Selected for Super Y ODP Team**

Seven players from the CF U15 Elite team coached by G. Blasingame that were chosen to the Super Y ODP South Atlantic Region Team. They were:

- \* Connor Barbaree
- \* Nick Burton
- \* Jamie Deal
- \* Alex Evert
- \* Brian Forero
- \* Riley Sumpter
- \* Jahan Threeths

These players attended the Super Y National Team Camp on January 5-7, 2005 at the Cocoa Expo in Cocoa Beach, Florida. Two CF players were ultimately chosen for the First Team – U15 National Team for Super Y ODP and they are:

- \* Nick Burton
- \* Brian Forero

