

MORRIS COUNTY COLONIALS

Press Release



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YPSL Opens with Mixed Results for Magic and Colonials

The opening weekend of the Youth Premier Soccer League (YPSL) took place at the beautiful Golden Goal complex in Fort Ann, NY against the backdrop of Lake George. The Morris County Colonials were well represented across all ages groups with two U11 teams, two U14 teams and a team at U16 all competing whilst the Millburn Magic were well represented at U12 and by two teams at U14.

The opening game of the tournament saw the Magic U12s loose 3-0 to the hosting Adirondack Lynx in a nervous first performance together. Later on in the day, in a game interrupted by lightning, the Magic lost 4-1 to a very strong Lancaster Inferno side with Beth Zrike scoring for the Magic. The U12s ended their weekend with going down 4-0 to the AC Diablos. The tough start to the summer experienced by the U12's was matched by the U14 Magic teams. The Magic 'blue' team were shell shocked to find themselves 3-0 down after a quarter of their opening game against the Lynx before trying to get into the game, eventually going down 4-0. The second game saw the Magic go up against an extremely strong and well organized Lancaster Inferno side who dominated the game, the Magic suffering a disheartening 6-0 loss. The final game for the 'Blue' team saw a great strike from Midfielder Leigh Banks curl into the top corner as the Magic came close to overturning a 2-0 deficit against the AC Diablos. Eventually running out of time and energy, the Magic lost 2-1 in a game played out with distinct similarities to the U14 'White' game against the Diablos. After going 3-0 behind, the 'White' team came within a goal of rescuing a share of the points after goals from Katherine Foca and Kristen Maurizi. In their second game, postponed until after 10pm due to lightning strikes, the Magic faced the Inferno. The Magic did well to contain the Inferno until a super strike broke the deadlock just after 15 minutes. The Magic continued to work hard but the Inferno were again too strong, eventually winning 4-0. The final U14 game saw the Magic battle through tiredness after the previous nights efforts and struggled to raise the tempo, resulting in a 2-0 loss to the Lynx.

The Colonial's boys teams faired a little better over the course of the weekend. The Colonials 'White' team found themselves against strong opposition in their first game, loosing to the Lancaster Inferno by three goals. In their second game, the Colonials again fell behind before Kevin Short equalized to ensure a share of the points. Sunday's game saw both Colonials teams face each in an exciting game which ended up with the 'White' team running out 5-3 winners after a hat trick. Colonial's 'Maroon' player George Zack constantly drove his teams efforts to pull back the deficit as he had done in the teams two previous games. The Maroon team suffered two 3-0 losses on Saturday after starting brightly in each, only to fade in the heat towards the end, allowing both the Inferno and Diablos flattering score lines. In the U14 Boys age group, the Colonial's 'White' team enjoyed an unbeaten weekend. After conceding two penalties kick goals, the team fought back to win 3-2 with 'Mezzer' scoring the winning goal with just minutes to go. The victory inspired the Colonials as they went into their second game against the Colonial's 'Maroon' side. In a closely contested battle, the 'White' team ran out 1-0 winners having enjoyed the better chances. The 'White' team finished with a far more convincing win against the Diaoblos Sunday morning, winning 4-0, Steven Dombrowski with the pick of the goals, scoring from 30 yards. The 'Maroon' team, having started brightly with a 2-1 victory over the Diablos saw their fortunes reserved in their final game as they went down 2-1 to the Inferno in a hard fought contest. The final Colonials team, the U16's, opened in a 4-4 thriller against the Diablos. After coming from 2-0 down to take a 3-2 lead, the Colonials then went 4-3 down before equalizing late on. The team continued well in their second game, dominating 4-0 before exhaustion from the previous two games set in, leading to a loss in the final game to cap off an eventful weekend all round.

Meanwhile, at Hershey PA, the pre-YPSL tournament saw the Millburn Magic U9's reach the final and the U10's the semi final in a promising opening weekend for the younger teams.

The Morris County Colonials will next compete in the YPSL in Atlantic City next weekend, whilst the Millburn Magic teams will be hosted by the Philadelphia Liberty the following week.

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