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Colonials Youth Teams Continue Campaigns in Neptune
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It has been another promising weekend for the Colonials youth teams, with boys from a wide variety of age groups giving it their all in Neptune this weekend.

The U8 Colonials were led by senior team assistant coach Hayden Bedwell. He was extremely pleased with the opening performances from the boys, defeating Ocean Township United 4-1 after Alex Magoya scored a hat-trick and Brendan Nilson finished from close range. Meanwhile, the team went on to triumph in the second game against the OBSL Pilots with a 3-2 scoreline, capped off by a last-minute winner from Avrey Kirby.

Sunday, while not as successful, still proved the boys were strong fighters. The first game was against Soccer Domain which saw the boys fall 1-0, though they proved their mettle against Neptune Red Bulls, where the game ended in a 2-2 tie, with goals from Alex Magoya and Sean Donnelly. "They had a brilliant weekend," Bedwell said.

The U9 Maroons, under Dean Slaughter, came off the back of a tournament win at Hershey and again played well-known clubs in Neptune. "We proved that we are a strong outfit from front to back," said Slaughter. Beating the 4-0 TSF Academy, the U9 Maroons went on to triumph over Ironbound 5-0, overcome Americas United 2-0 and get their only draw against Toms River, finishing 2-2. "There were good performances throughout with the game against Americas United and is probably our best passing display yet. Overall, it was a great tournament for the boys and I look forward to the next one."

In the absence of Chris Greatwich, the Colonials U9 White coach who was away on playing and coaching duties, Kayleigh Hines stepped up to build on his start to the season in Hershey last weekend. Getting the most out of the U9s, she triumphed, finishing top of the four-team group. The tournament started for the U9s with a 1-1 tie with Scotch Plains, with Brandon Mulcahey scoring the club's only goal despite being on top for the most part, Scotch Plains were able to equalize with two minutes to go. However, the first win of the entire summer campaign came for the U9s when they beat an impressive Tinton Falls side by 3-2 following two Zane Solender strikes and a third from Bryce Jacobsen.

The Hazlet Detonators had previously led the group with two wins out of two in their opening games, but the Colonials were able to end this run of form by beating them 3-2 with a dramatic winner with 30 seconds of the game left. Zane Solender grabbed another two goals and Samuel Curtis got the other. "We went into the fourth game knowing a win would seal the group for us," Hines explained, so was understandably proud when the boys beat ESNJ Lazio 2-0, dominating the game and also notching up their first shut out of the tournament. Marco Piccolo and Hamilton Sujet got the goals, proving that the squad is certainly on the up.

Andy Steer led the two Colonials U10s teams and finished top in both of his groups. The Maroons team triumphed 6-0 over Elizabeth Youth Soccer, won 7-1 in the tie with European Soccer BSNJ Celtic and were victorious by another six-goal margin in the 6-0 defeat of USP Select. However, TSF Academy would prove to be the better team in the 3-1 loss. "The boys responded well in all of the games, though TSF were strong and the hot weather had a big impact on the team in that match," Steer explained. "We had lots of possession but they outplayed us."

TSF Select would also be the only team to beat Morris County's U10 Whites. Despite overcoming USP Select 6-0, European Soccer East NJ Select 3-0 and Elizabeth Youth Soccer 6-0, a narrow 3-2 defeat halted the possibility of a clean sweep. "A lot of the boys have never played together so they were learn how each other played, responding in the best possible way," Steer added. "The combined total of goals was really impressive and nearly everyone on the team scored, proving that we have strength absolutely everywhere on the pitch."

Doug Thompson was overseeing the Colonials U11 White and U12 Maroon teams this weekend. The U11 Whites were the most successful Colonials team in the tournament, winning 5-0 against Sportswood, 5-0 in their match against locals Neptune, 4-0 vs USA Rangers and 4-1 in a battle against Union Beach, taking first place, scoring 18 and conceding one. "The boys were well organized, scored some fantastic goals and it was great to see them scoring from the corner kicks we worked on last week," Thompson explained.



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On Saturday, the U12 Maroons won 5-0 against Neptune Tritons, then triumphed 6-0 against European Soccer. The following day, the squad would get a 4-2 win against USA Rangers before tying 0-0 with TSF, earning the squad first place. "The team scored more excellent goals and again showed how much they'd learned in practice," Thompson said.

Finally, the Colonials U12 Whites also fought hard in Neptune under the guidance of Hayden Bedwell, finishing second in the division after a series of tough games against local opponents. The first game saw them taking on European Soccer in a tie that ended goalless, though a late screamer from Harrison Cote allowed the Colonials to beat the impressive TSF Academy organization.

On the Sunday, the Whites squared up against EUSA Red Bulls, culminating in a 3-2 win. "The boys completely dominated the tie," Bedwell explained. "They were amazing - we hit the bar three times and missed a penalty, though a last-minute winner from Andrew Linz gave us the deserved win." However, in the final game against Laurel SC Black Hawks from Maine - one that needed a win to finish top the flight - ended in a 5-1 defeat, though there was a lot to be impressed at from the squad.

The weekend once again proved that the Colonials are glad to have the wealth of talent of young players in the New Jersey area, and will continue to foster their development to build their skills both on and off the pitch.

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