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## ***Press Release***



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### **Colonials Youth Teams enjoy Tournament Success**

This weekend saw the Morris County Colonials youth teams enjoy a weekend of success at the Neptune Summer Kickoff and Hackettstown Blast tournaments.

In Hackettstown, the Colonials U10 Boys dominated their age group, winning all five games in style. In their first game together as a team against Maestro FC, some great passing and combination play led to a 4-0 victory and made the Colonials look like a team who'd been playing together for years. In their second game against TSF Academy, after conceding a penalty kick early on, a fantastic individual goal from Matt DiGiacomo put the Colonials on the way to a 4-1 comeback win. Against a very aggressive Thistle FC team, the Colonials showed resilience and battled to another 4-1 victory before some excellent saves from GK Justin Kauffman kept the Jersey United Spiderman at bay in a 3-0 win. In their final game, the Colonials finished off their weekend with a dominant 7-0 win over the Jersey United He-Men; STA Gunners star Zach Ryan in electrifying form, helping himself to a hatrick.

Down at the Neptune Summer Kickoff tournament, the Colonials were represented at the U8 and U11 age groups. After opening with a narrow 2-1 loss to Ocean United, the U8's went on to win their remaining 3 games to finish top of their flight. An entertaining game against the Howell Hawks was settled by a single goal as the Colonials won 3-2 with Sean Ryan and Michael McDougal working tirelessly for the team. After two closely contested games, the Colonials dominated from the start against the Ironbound Tigers and ran out 8-2 winners in a game that saw Jordon Viotto score his first ever goal. The boys rounded out their weekend with a 3-1 against the Colts Neck Lightning in what was their best performance of the tournament.

The U11 boys continued in the success for the Colonials and played their way to becoming the 2009 tournament champions. The Colonials set expectations high with their first game; a 7-0 domination of the TFDC Stingrays, Art Ruiz and Cam Biasco in excellent form. The boys continued scoring high in their next two games with 5-1 and 4-3 victories against the Battle of Monmouth United and the Neptune Tritons respectively. In their final game, some excellent work from stand in GK Cam Lamm allowed the Jersey Knight Archers just one goal in a evenly matched game that ended 1-1.



*Colonials U11B with coaches Hayden Bedwell & Kelly Sims*

Head of Colonial youth programs Shane Bullock was delighted by the success of the teams this weekend. "It is fantastic for everyone involved that all the boys teams played so well this weekend. We have some very strong players and the results suggest our coaches are getting the best out of these players. I hope the boys continue to perform well and enjoy playing for the Colonials for the rest of the summer." The Colonials youth teams will enjoy a break for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend before heading out to Rhode Island for their next tournament in two weeks time.

The Morris County Colonials 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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