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Springfield Soccer Club Finds Success at Incredible Pizza Fall Classic Hosted by Lake Country Soccer

The Springfield Soccer Club once again made its' presence known at a local tournament with several convincing tournament championships this past weekend. The tournament started out on a brisk Saturday morning with the familiar red and black uniforms active on many fields. Overall, the club supported Lake Country Soccer by having seventeen teams in the tournament, more than any other local organization. "We feel it is important to support the local tournaments. With so many of our teams having to travel outside of Springfield to get quality league games, the tournaments put on by Lake Country Soccer give us an opportunity to compete at home in front of family and friends for the first time all year." said Jeremy Alumbaugh Director of Soccer Operations.

The fall club soccer season is almost at the midway point and the teams were starting to click with their performances. On the boys side the SSC 00/01 Red brought home the Championship in the Under 9 Division in their first tournament as a team. The SSC 98/99 Academy Black team captured their second tournament Championship by winning the Under 11 8 v 8 Gold Division. Playing in the Under 12 11 v 11 Division the SSC 97/98 Boys brought home 2nd Place as they used the weekend to tune up their game before heading to Tulsa this weekend. The SSC 96/97 II Boys and the SSC 95/96 I Boys both made runs into the Semi-Finals before exiting the competition.

Not to be outdone by the boys teams the girls side of the club brought home three Championships. In an exciting 1-0 OT win over Carrera the SSC 98/99 Red Girls won the Under 11 Girls Bracket. The SSC 95/96 I Girls defeated St. Louis Scott Gallagher-Holland to win the Under 14 Division.

The highlight of the weekend was the SSC 91/92 Girls who playing in their neon jerseys were hard to miss. Not having played a match since some friendly games in August the girls quickly got back into rhythm as they prepare for a demanding stretch of college showcase events in November, December and January. They finished bracket play with three wins and no losses. Those results setup a showdown with local team Missouri Elite FC. Missouri Elite FC took a quick 1-0 lead in the final in front of a large crowd at Lake Country Soccer Cooper Stadium. The 18 Girls quickly responded in the 2nd half by scoring four unanswered goals in the first twelve minutes of the 2nd half. They went on to defeat Missouri Elite FC 4-1 and capture the Under 18 Gold Division Girls Championship. "I'm real proud of the girls. We battled hard all weekend and simply got a little better each game. It's pretty special for them to win this tournament in their last appearance and to do it in a convincing matter against a local rival made it even better." "If we can stay healthy and focused we should have an enjoyable last few months as a team, because we have a lot of talent that enjoys playing together." said Alumbaugh.

Thanks, to all players, parents, teams and coaches for a fantastic weekend of soccer right here in our own backyard. Without the support of Lake Country Soccer and the Incredible Pizza Company events like this would be impossible in our community.

Visit the club website www.springfieldsportsclub.com for team pictures. Additional pictures can be found at www.SGFsoccer.com