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Springfield Soccer Club Captures Number of KC Heartland Soccer League Championships

The Springfield Soccer Club 95/96 I Girls recently completed league play in the KC Heartland 1<sup>st</sup> Division. The team completed a perfect 8-0 season in the Under 14 1<sup>st</sup> Division. This marks the first time a Springfield S.C. Girls team has captured the league championship in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division. In the Under 13 Boys 2<sup>nd</sup> Division the Springfield Soccer Club 96/97 I Boys finished in first place, which will earn them promotion to the top division for Spring 2010.

The Heartland Soccer League attracts the top clubs from throughout the greater Kansas City area as they seek to compete against the best competition. Teams also participate in the league from Columbia, Topeka, KS, Wichita, KS, Omaha, NE and other areas.

“The KC Heartland League has become a great vehicle for the older teams in our club to test themselves as we constantly prepare to be one of the top teams in the state and Midwest Region. We have enjoyed the organization and competition of this league. The majority of our teams have earned the chance to play in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division through results and promotion. Since we make the commitment to play in the league we strive to play only in the top division, we don’t want to play in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> division. Sometimes we start in the second or third Division but the players and teams earn their way to the 1<sup>st</sup> Division. There isn’t another club from outside KC that has that track record like our teams do. It is a testament to the environment that our coaches and players have created in Springfield.” said Jeremy Alumbaugh Director of Soccer Operations for the Springfield Soccer Club.

Also, competing in the KC Heartland League were the Springfield Soccer Club 96/97 Girls in the Under 13 Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> Division. They completed the season with a 6-1-1 record which put them in second place and will earn promotion to the first division for the Spring 2010. The Springfield Soccer Club 94/95 Girls had a 4-2-2 record for third place in the Under 15 Girls 3<sup>rd</sup> Division and should also be moved up to the second division when they resume league play in the Fall 2010. Playing up in the Under 18 Girls 1<sup>st</sup> Division the Springfield Soccer Club 92/93 Girls finished with a 3-2-2 record and will return to the top flight in Fall of 2010 as well.

After winning the Spring 2009 1<sup>st</sup> Division the Springfield Soccer Club 95/96 I Boys finished with a 3-3-2 record this fall in the Under 14 1<sup>st</sup> Division and will remain in the top fight for the Spring 2010. “With league games being played at the Overland Park Soccer Complex which has 12 brand new state of the art fieldturf fields it is a fantastic place to get competitive league games.” said Eric Sorlie Director of Player Development for the Springfield Soccer Club. “Once again the older teams have raised the bar of expectations for the younger teams in our club.” KC Heartland League play will resume in March of 2010.

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