

# Year In Review



## SPRING/SUMMER 2003

Spring 2003 proved to be another successful season as we dominated at all levels.

The Warrior Classic, DAYCO tournament, and other top-notch tournaments were flooded with our teams in various age groups... our teams successfully competed in each of the events.

Our U16s and U17s gained valuable exposure to college coaches at various college showcase tournaments.

We once again proved why we are the most dominate club in Ohio North by capturing multiple **FIRST PLACE TITLES** at the **2002 Ohio North State Cup**. We entered the Cup with eight teams. Five teams made it to the State Cup Final Game! We finished with 2 first place titles (U12, U17), and 3 second place trophies (U11, U12, U16). Our U19s were also granted a regional berth.

Our U17 and U19 teams competed hard and played well at the Regional Finals in Des Moines, Iowa.

**The best inspiration is not to outdo others, but to outdo ourselves**

To cap off the summer, a number of our members made an impact at all levels. Sixteen players from our club were named to Ohio-N State Teams while seven of our players were named to the Regional Pools/Teams: Collen Hoban, Tiffany Horvath, Kelsey Fenix, Jessica Rostedt, Courtney Rosen, Hanna Wilde, and Jill Ferree.

Rostedt and Rosen were invited to compete at the prestigious Adidas/ESP National Camp. Rosen could not attend due to injury but Jessica impressed the national staff once again. She was invited to the U17 National team camp held at the new Hope Depot National Training Center in Carson, California in October.

In addition, this summer, our own Keri Sarver was signed by the Carolina Courage of the WUSA. She continues to represent the Internationals at the highest professional levels.

**To date, we have had eleven of our players reach the National levels.** We are looking for you to be the next player added to this prestigious list... keep working hard! The sky is the limit!!

## FALL 2002

The Fall 2002 season started off on a positive note as our U10 through U14 teams dominated the local leagues in girls and boys divisions.

We traveled to Columbus for the OP Invitational, to Canton, Michigan for the Global Soccer Tournament, and stayed in town for the Nick Valentine Tournament. We then finished off the season with our own Season Finale with overall excellent results.

All of our U15-U18 players joined us for the indoor season after their successful high school seasons. Once again, our members dominated the high school scene. Strongsville captured the 2002 Division I State Championship – many of Strongsville's players were from our club. Five of our members earned 2002 All-State honors: Kristen Persichini (2<sup>nd</sup> time), Kate Padfeld, Ginny Bondi, Katie Strock, and Jamie Shadd.

Kristen and Kate earned NSCAA High School Regional All-American and NSCAA High School All-American honors.

In addition, Jessica Rostedt and Courtney Rosen were named to the NSCAA Youth All-American teams in their age groups.

The fall of 2002 saw many of our players reach the highest levels of the game. Two of our members competed at the annual Interregional event over the Thanksgiving Holiday: Rostedt and Rosen played with the U17 National Team.



C. Rosen in action with our new, custom made, first class uniforms!

## WINTER 2002-2003

Our preparation throughout the indoor season paid off. We dominated local league play with all of our team in boys and girls brackets.

Our own All-Star Tournament was a great success. The tournament attracted some of the best teams in the mid-west. As a club, we had 10 of our teams reach the final game with 7 teams capturing first place (U10, U11, U12, U13 white, U14 white, U15 white, and Open) and 3 coming in second (U13 blue, U15 blue, and U16 blue).

By the end of the indoor season, all of our graduating seniors had signed with some of the best athletic and academic institutions in the country.

At the end of the long winter season, many of our players were rewarded with the opportunity to compete in warmer weather!

Due to their impressive play at the Interregional event, Rostedt and Rosen were selected to the US U17 roster for the training camp at the ARCO U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista in February. Rosen also competed with the U16 National Team in March.

Five of our players were selected to the Girls National ODP team (1897 age group): Kristen Persichini, Courtney Rosen, Hanna Wilde, Tierney Lanich, Alyssa Ramsey. They competed for the National ODP Championships in March in Dallas, Texas.

These players represented our club, state, region, and nation with class and style while competing against the nation's best talent.

**BE THE IT... INTERNATIONALS!**

**SUCCESS IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION**