



CLEVELAND INTERNATIONALS Soccer Club SUPER Y



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TAMPA, FL – United Soccer Leagues (USL) announced today the Super Y-League First and Second 11 Club rankings for the 2008 regular season, recognizing the league’s top clubs on a competitive and administrative basis. The release of the list precedes the 10th Annual Super Y-League North American Finals, where all but five of the 37 clubs in the rankings will be competing for 10 championships that are up-for-grabs beginning Friday, November 21. The clubs will also be recognized during USL’s Annual General Meeting, the second half of USL’s SoccerFest, which is held in conjunction with the North American Finals in downtown Tampa.

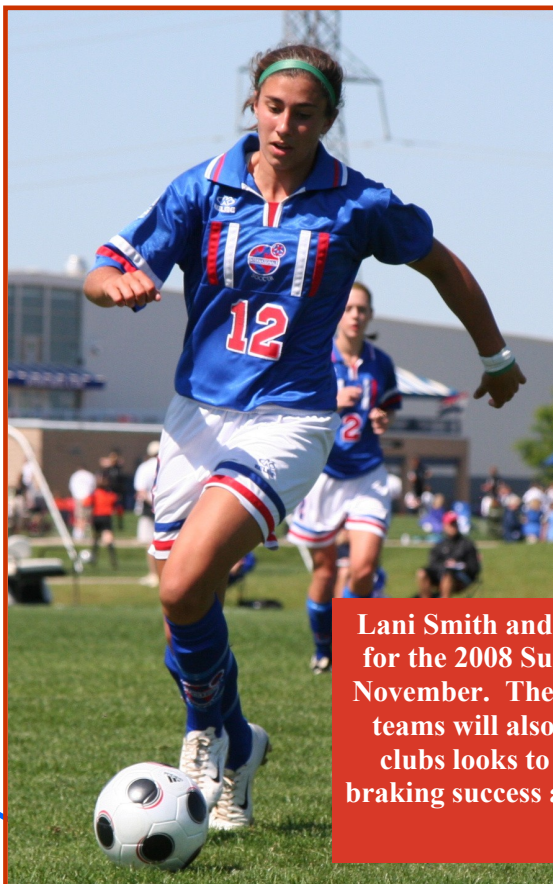
The Super Y-League launched the First and Second 11 Ranking System in 2005 with the top clubs ranked from 1-22 in three categories: overall, boys and girls. The rankings are based primarily upon the on-field results. Winning percentage accounts for 70 percent of the score while minimum standards and operations complete the other 30 percent.

“The criteria used to rank these clubs is basic yet essential to the Super Y-League’s philosophy of providing a professionalized atmosphere for the top youth players in North America,” said USL Senior Director of Youth League Development, Jeff McRaney. “United Soccer Leagues wanted a way to salute those clubs who consistently succeed not only on the field but off the field as well.”

Girls		
Super Y-League First 11		
Rank	Clubs	Girls Score
1	Washington Freedom	86.3
2	Cleveland Internationals	85.5
3	MPS Boston	79.3
4	CASL Railhawks	78.0
5	Coastal WFC	75.7
6	Kendall SC	74.0
7	Mountain WFC	73.0
8	Kalamazoo Kingdom	71.5
9	Chicago Magic	71.3
10	West Pines United	70.7
11	Ottawa Fury	69.5

On the girls’ side, the Washington Freedom, who are sending their U13, U14 and U16 girls to this season’s North American Finals topped the female rankings. Including the club’s Super-20 League side, the Freedom finished the regular season with a club record of 47-8-5 for a winning percentage of .783. Last season the club scored a 76.0 in the girls’ regular season rankings. That mark improved by more than 10 points this season as **the club finished clear of the second place Cleveland Internationals by just 0.8 of a point.**

However, the Internationals, who finished eighth in last season’s regular season girls rankings, shot to the top of the First 11 Girls 2007 Final Rankings after winning three North American Championships. Their 14-0-1 record at the league finals boosted the club’s ranking from a 96.8 regular season ranking to a 105.8 final ranking, the only score in any of the three categories to surpass the century mark in the four-year history of the ranking system.



Lani Smith and her U17 teammates will compete for the 2008 Super Y National Championship in November. The Internationals U13 and U15 girls teams will also be competing in the event. The clubs looks to repent upon last year’s record-breaking success and go undefeated at the National Finals.