

6.9.10 – Beach FC U11 Piranhas Andre win Capital Cup Tournament.

The Beach FC U11 Piranhas Andre, led by Coach Kris Andre, battled all Memorial Day Weekend to sweep 4 games and their division championship in the Capital Cup hosted by Dynamo FC in Hanover, VA.

The Piranhas Andre started pool play with a game against a determined side from Valley FC Black. The game was evenly matched and scoreless at the half. The Piranhas Andre came out flying in the second half scoring a quick goal. The play was tense but controlled by the Piranhas, who put in two more goals for a 3-0 final score.



The second game of the day was a quick turnaround with only 1 hour of rest in the 90° heat while their opponents, the host Dynamo FC had a rest of approximately 3 hours. The Piranhas were a little sluggish at the start of the game and let in a quick goal 1-0 deficit. The Piranhas Andre came surging back and scored the matching goal before halftime, 1-1 at the half. Dynamo FC came out strong in the second half and matched goals with the Piranhas. The play was back and forth until the Piranhas scored with about 5 minutes remaining and held on for a 3-2 victory and putting themselves into the semi-finals.

The two big wins on Saturday put our side into the late semi-final at 12:45 Sunday against another tough squad from Freedom Soccer Club. The games were once again played under temperatures well into the 90's. A well played tense first half resulted in another scoreless tie. The tie was broken midway through the second when a ball went off a FSC player into her own net. An unfortunate turn for FSC but a break for the Piranhas who added another quick goal for a 2-0 final and a berth in the finals against a tough FC Richmond Metros squad.



The championship game started with the FC Richmond dominating the play and scoring a quick goal at the 5 minute mark for a 1-0 lead. The turn of events just made the Piranhas play with that much more determination and before long the score was knotted at 1 at the half. The Piranhas continued their dominating play at the start of the second half scoring at about the 20 minute mark for a 2-1 lead. The play was heated for several minutes until the Metros tied it up with about 15 minutes to play. The Piranhas played with as much grit and determination as possible until they scored the go ahead goal with 10 minutes to play. Despite mounting pressure from the FC Richmond side the Piranhas hung on for a 3-2 victory and the tournament championship.



This was a great way for the girls to end their season. The tournament championship was due to some stellar play in the net by keepers Maddie “Mad Dog” K., Grace H. and Autumn. The defense was led by Logan C., Meghan “the Flying Dutchman” S. and Carly J. The front line was led by Kaitlynn B., Lauren C. , Alex, Bailey K., Taylor K., and Megan J. Good luck to all the girls in your soccer futures and thanks for a very entertaining tournament weekend.