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Young Magic Teams Continue Battle Through Summer Tournaments
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It was another exciting weekend for players and coaches alike as the Millburn Magic youth teams went around the local area to play in a range of tournaments.

Rob Napier and Dean Slaughter were at the helm of the Magic U8s at the PA Classics Tournament and while things didn't work out perfectly for the team, the coaches were pleased with what was on display and look to a brighter future in the next outing, especially given that they were up against the age group above them this weekend.

After tying with LDC United U9 0-0, the Magic U9 White team beat them 4-0. On Sunday, Maestro U9 triumphed 4-1 while Magic U9 White played them again, this time winning 5-0. After the tournament, Napier said: "The girls played a solid tournament against strong teams from NJ & PA. They were impressive with what they have been practicing, such as when to dribble and pass. There was also a big improvement with the girls' individual pressure on their opposition over the weekend and I hope this continues.

"There are many positives to take away from the weekend and the girls should hold their heads up high."

In the same tournament, Kelly Sims was in charge of the Millburn Magic U9 White. "The girls continue to impress me more by the week and this weekend in Lancaster," she said. "The girls played some excellent soccer and we scored some outstanding goals."

Aside from the aforementioned wins over the U8 team, the Magic lost 4-3 to LDC Eclipse on Saturday in a close battle while also being defeated by FC Revolution's youth squad by 5-1. Sims continued: "The girls are learning to play in every position and their understanding of the specific roles has improved massively. With a variety of goal scorers each week, the girls are proving that they can play all over the field."

She added: "I am looking forward to our last tournament where the girls will hopefully continue to work hard and get the results they deserve."

Based at their tournament in East Hudson, the Millburn Magic U10s under Dean Slaughter were undefeated in a very strong bracket and were unlucky to come second, only being sidelined from first place by goal difference. Defeating Parsippany Pre-Y 3-1 and tying with Monroe Woodbury Chargers 1-1, the girls got two wins in two games on Sunday with a 3-0 triumph over USA White Devils and an emphatic 4-2 defeat of JDI Soccer Select.

Slaughter said: "The goal difference issue will always hurt but the girls have taken a lot of positives from the tournament and continue to produce the soccer they have been playing over recent weeks. They should be very proud of what they achieved."

Sims and her Magic U11s have developed a strong chemistry during their time together, she admits. "These girls are great fun to work with and they are always keeping me amused," she said, "but as soon as they step onto the field they all show how passionate they are about the sport."

After getting a draw against PA Classics, the girls lost 5-0 to Empire Utd Mist. On Sunday, they grabbed a draw against Maestro FC Crew in another 1-1 battle before losing 2-1 against Beachwood Summer Select. "Despite the results this weekend, the girls all dig in and it's been great to see the team gel together," Sims concluded. "Since the first tournament the team has come a long way and they continue to develop both as individuals and as a team."

Finally, Jade Holes and the Millburn Magic U13 girls faced their toughest tournament yet, with scorching hot temperatures very few subs available. While things didn't initially seem to be going Millburn's way - when half the team got caught in major traffic and missed the first half of the first game against PA Classics - the U11 Millburn Magic girls were able to step in to complete the squad.

Battling hard in the second half to bring the squad from 4-0 down to 4-2, the team knew it was a winnable game and proved themselves in their last game when they tournament holders again, playing some excellent soccer and beating the Classics 5-2 with ten players.

While the girls lost 7-0 to Maestro FC and 5-0 to Glassboro, Holes was still very pleased with the girls. "I am looking forward to our last tournament and hopefully we can end this great summer season the way we deserve," she concluded.

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