

Congratulations to the State Champion U14-C2 girls soccer team!

The Forest Lake Under 14-Class 2 Girls Traveling Soccer Team won the 2009 Minnesota Youth Soccer Association Fall State Tournament held in Rochester on October 24 and 25.

Despite the snow, cold, mud, and mess the Forest Lake traveling soccer team dominated the field. The team played their first game on a field covered in snow, with the lines shoveled to reveal the chalk. The team tied Minneapolis United 2-2 in this game, goals were scored by Emily Paulson and Sarah Jaeb. The afternoon game was on a slick muddy field. The girls dominated the game and stomped Northern Lights/Anoka Ramsey 5-0. Emily Paulson pounded in 3 goals in the first half for a hat-trick! Ari Tyler and Maia Peterson each scored in the second half.

On Sunday, Forest Lake defeated Minneapolis United in a shoot out to move on to the Championship game. Forest Lake then defeated Cruz Azul/Minneapolis 2-0 for the state championship. The team played hard for the entire game and was rewarded with goals from Karlee Kluge and Loren Kempenich.

This group of 12, 13 and 14 year old girls played their hearts out. They had fun and played great all weekend. Forest Lake's goal keepers Loren Kempenich and Kassity Swanson both played awesome.

The defense played strong with leadership from Chelsea Lautigar. The mid-fielders worked hard pushing the ball up the field while keeping it out of their defensive zone. The forwards kept pressing the other goalie with lots of shots on net.

The team qualified for the state Tournament by winning the East district fall league. They accomplished this with a record of 5 wins and 1 loss. They beat Mahtomedi 2-1, White Bear Lake 2-1, South St. Paul 5-1, St. Croix Valley 4-0, River Falls 3-2 and were defeated by Hudson 2-1.

