

FFC RECREATION PROGRAM FINISHES FALL 2018 SEASON WITH SOLID TOURNAMENT RESULT

After a somewhat crazy Fall 2018 recreation soccer season with rainout after rainout and game reschedule after reschedule, coach Eric Siess reached out to his U14 Recreation team to identify any interest in his team participating in the 2018 Richmond Kickers Mega Blast Recreational Tournament—a tournament that had been attended the past couple of years by Coach Kevin Leahy, who is now one of our Boys Red travel coaches.



The majority of coach Siess' team were interested and with some additional interest from other U14 rec players, a team of 12 was formed and entered into the competition.

With no idea of who the opponents would be, the goal was to simply have fun and try our hardest—put the season's practices and game experiences against some fresh opposition.

The FFC side opened the tournament well with Andy Orme scoring two goals and Mitchell Adams a third with 2 minutes left for a 3-2 victory over Richmond Strikers Chesterfield.

RICHMOND KICKERS MEGABLAST

Nov. 17-18, 2019

Age Group: Coed U14 Galaxy

FFC SIESS RESULTS

W, 3-2 - vs. Richmond Strikers Chesterfield
L, 0-1 - vs. Tricities United
W, 3-1 - vs. Richmond Kickers Turbo Power
L, 1-6 - FINAL: vs. FC Rec Richmond FC Lucas

"We had a great experience at the tournament and the results show that the FFC Recreation Program is providing an appropriate mix of soccer education and life skills, as well as a level of competition on par with some of the larger soccer clubs in Virginia. We will be considering offering more recreation tournament opportunities in the future to a wider age group."

—FFC Recreation Director Adrian Batchelor

With a key three points secured in its opener, it was on to Game 2 against Tricities United. Tricities would make an early goal stand up for a 1-0 win that leveled FFC's record at 1-1.

Needing a win against Richmond Kickers Turbo Power—who won both of their first two games by a max score of 5-0—in Game 3 on Sunday morning, that's precisely what the FFC squad got. The teams traded goals in the early going with Caleb Kolbasowski tallying for FFC. The game stayed 1-1 until 12 minutes remained when Orme netted twice, giving FFC a 3-1 victory. The win, along

with a tie in the Group's other game, sent FFC to the final.

While the result in the final may not have come out as hoped for FFC Siess against a strong FC Rec Richmond FC Lucas squad, a 6-1 defeat, it still showed the fight the team had displayed all tournament long. Trailing 6-0 late, Orme netted his

fifth goal of the tournament, just the second goal their opponent had allowed in four games.

“The tournament was a great success for this young FFC team, against opponents who we were told by respective coaches, had been playing together for 3-4 years,” Batchelor said. “We had some great compliments by many of the coaches regarding how well they thought the team played.”

With their head held high reflecting on their achievements for the weekend, FFC Siess returned home as runners-up in their first ever recreation tournament. A return trip to the event in fall 2019 definitely in their sights.

Team members included: Kaileigh Garrison, Mitchell Adams, Jake Vienna,

Clayton Boyer, Everett Orme, Emily Siess, Madison Mandel, Caleb Kolbasowski, Caleb Webb, Anderson (Andy) Orme, Brady Plucker and Elizabeth Riddell.



The poster features the FFC logo on the left, which includes the text 'FREDERICKSBURG FOOTBALL CLUB' and '1986'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'RECREATION PROGRAM Spring 2019 Registration OPEN'. Below this, it says 'Build Character And Confidence With FFC Recreation Soccer'. A yellow starburst graphic contains the text 'Early Bird Fee \$65'. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a soccer game in progress on a green field. Text at the bottom of the poster includes: 'Early Bird Registration Ends Dec., 31, 2018. Fee Increases To \$85 On Jan. 1, 2019. Uniforms Required! Visit www.fredericksburgfc.org For More Info.'

—Compiled from information provided by FFC Recreation Director and FFC Siess assistant coach Adrian Batchelor.

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