

TEAM OF THE MONTH

For “Team of the Month” we hope to talk to one of our teams each month. To be featured here, your team doesn’t necessarily have to win every game it plays. We want to feature those teams, as well as teams that represent the club well with how they play and train, support the community, improve from game to game and practice to practice, support each other and the club. If you know an FFC team that would be good to recognize here, email tleiss@fredericksburgfc.org.

FFC 2004 GIRLS BLACK

The Fredericksburg FC 2004 Girls Black team made a strong run to the VYSA U15 State Cup Final. The run included a 2-0 semifinal victory over top-seeded Beach FC 04G Red at the Publix Virginia Soccer Training Center on Nov. 3. In the next day’s final, the girls suffered a tough 2-0 set-back to SOCA 04 U15 Elite. This marks the first time a FFC team has reached a State Cup final.



The squad finished the month 5-2-2 in tournament play, playing in VYSA State Cup, the Bethesda Premier Cup and the visitRaleigh.com CASL Showcase.

“The Pitch” talked to 04 Girls Black head coach Grover Gibson to learn a little more about this squad and what helps make them successful.

What is special about this team?

The team does everything both on and off the field together, both parents and players.

What was the key to this group making it to the state cup final?

It is a true team, the team has suffered some tough injuries and absences at times and there has always been someone to step up and fill the void.

With another team that reached the semifinals, how much do these results show how players and teams in the club are developing?

It shows that there are multiple groups that are on the correct path, if they are patient and trust the process and development path that FFC provides. There is no ‘certain path’ that will guarantee success, so you need to be able to trust the club and staff.

Are there any other results you can give us for this team from the fall season?... any other tournaments they’ve won? league play?

They have found success in all major events with recent-ly returning from the CASL Girls Showcase conceding zero goals and finishing top of their bracket. They have reached the semifinals of WAGS once again and also continue to nd more and more success on a consistent basis, which is most important.

How is this group of players off the field together?

No matter which event this team is involved in, whether it is team building and practice, they attend everything unless it is an academic conflict.

Is there anything else you'd like to add about the team?

A team is made up of various personalities and this team relies on everyone to pull their weight and bring their unique character to the table to ensure the team nds success both on and off the eld.