



Chicago Fire Youth Development Program Update

CFJ-Michigan hosts Lake Shore Soccerfest

CFJ-Mississippi Captures Five State Championships

CFJ-Mississippi's Givan plays with U20 Women's National Team

BRIDGEVIEW, IL (June 7, 2007) – The Chicago Fire senior squad has two members of its roster – Justin Mapp (USA) and Ivan Guerrero (HON) - representing their countries' national teams this month, as did Rachel Givan of the Chicago Fire Juniors of Mississippi. CFJ-Mississippi are also proud to announce that five teams captured Mississippi State Championships this month. The Chicago Fire Juniors of Michigan were busy hosting the Lake Shore Soccerfest in Holland, Mich. over the Memorial Day Weekend, which proved to be a success for the five CFJ teams that took home first place in their respective age groups.

Chicago Fire Juniors – Chicago

• *CFJ-Chicago teams travel to Lake Shore Soccer Festival*

The CFJ Girls U10 red, Girls U11 Red, Girls U12 Red and Boys U13 red traveled to Holland, Mich. over the Memorial Day Weekend for the Lake Shore Soccer Festival presented by CFJ-Michigan. After a great weekend of soccer the U13 boys took 1st place and the U12 girls took second place.

Chicago Fire Juniors – Michigan

• *Memorial Day Weekend tournament brings 150 teams to Holland, Michigan*

The 11th Annual Lakeshore Soccerfest took place this past Memorial Day weekend with over 150 teams traveling to Holland, Michigan for the event. The Chicago Fire Juniors were well represented with U9, U11, U13 Boys and U14 Girls from CFJ-Michigan, U13 CFJ Boys from Chicago claiming first place in their respective age groups.

• *Two More Players sign National Letters of Intent*

Hannah Fairbanks and Kelsey Lovell have committed to taking their game to the next level as each have signed National Letters of Intent with Division II schools. Fairbanks will be playing with the Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals and Lovell will join the Belmont Abbey College Crusaders next year.

Chicago Fire Juniors – Mississippi

• *Rachel Givan plays with U20 Women's National Team*

Rachel Givan of the Chicago Fire Juniors-Mississippi Girls U19 team joined the U20 Women's National Team for a pair of friendlies this weekend in Manchester, England. The team won both its matches, downing the Leeds Ladies, 3-1 on May 10, and the Blackburn 2-0 on May 12. Rachel will be continuing her soccer career this fall at the University of North Carolina.

• *Five CFJ - Mississippi teams are State Champions*

The Chicago Fire Juniors - Mississippi U11 Girls White, U15 Boys White, U17 Girls, U18 Girls, and the U19 Girls all took first in State Cup that took place May 26-27 in Tupelo, Miss. Congratulations are also in order for the U11 Boys Blue, U12 Girls Black, U13 Girls and Boys, and U17 Boys White who were finalists in the State Cup.

• *U14 Boys Blue win Gold in the Super Clubs Tournament*

The U14 Boys Blue recently took first place in the Super Clubs Tournament in Memphis, Tenn. on May 11 at the Mike Rose Soccer Complex. The team outscored their opponents an impressive 18-1 in just four games.

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Fire Premier/Super-20

Fire Premier Earn 2-1 Win Over Cleveland Internationals

The Chicago Fire Premier of the Premier Development League (PDL) are now second (3-1-2 11 pts.) in the Great Lakes Division after defeating the Cleveland Internationals (0-5-0 0 pts.) 2-1 in Cleveland on Friday night. With a 1-0 road victory over the West Michigan Edge on Wednesday, May 23, the Fire Premier notched the club's 100th win overall through regular season, playoff, and U.S. Open Cup contests. The Fire's PDL side will play this Thursday, June 7, against the Fort Wayne Fever at 6:00 p.m. CT at the Loyola University Soccer Complex (6336 N. Hoyne Ave., Chicago, Ill.). The Fire Premier practice in Burr Ridge, near 74th and Wolf Road.

Fire Super-20s Meet Kalamazoo Kingdom Super-20s Thursday

The Fire Super-20s return to action Thursday night when they face the traveling Kalamazoo Kingdom Super-20's. Kick-off is slated for 4:00 p.m. CT at the Loyola University Soccer Complex, located at 6336 N. Hoyne Ave., in Chicago. The Chicago Fire Super-20 squad earned a 1-0 win over the Indiana Invaders in the team's first official match in TOYOTA PARK on Sunday, May 27 following the Chicago Fire first team match against Real Salt Lake. The Chicago Fire Super-20 squad practice at the two soccer fields in Burr Ridge near 74th and Wolf Road.

For more information about the Chicago Fire Premier team visit www.chicagofirepremier.com.

Congratulations to the Fire/Daily Southtown Girls Soccer Player of the Week Honorees this Month

- Maggie Hoskin – Homewood-Flossmoor High School (May 11)
- Chelsea Jones – Homewood-Flossmoor High School (May 18)
- Shayla Mutz – Lockport High School (May 25)
- Taylor Joosten – University High School (June 1)

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