



VA National Championship Series Week 2 Spotlight

14U Girls

The 14U girls kick off this weekend with all 16 teams in action.

- **Old Dominion SC Storm** will face a tough opponent in **Arlington Red**. Arlington is the returning State Champions and East Region Finalists. The ODSC Storm girls are coming to State Cup as champions of the Kickin' It For Cancer tournament in February and are ready to give Arlington their best.
- The 8 seed versus 9 seed looks to be a great match between **Fredericksburg FC Black** and **Virginia Rush**. Both teams are new to State Cup and looking to continue their recent successes. FFC's Coach and Executive Director, Grover Gibson, led his team to a championship at Jefferson Cup last month. This Virginia Rush team moved over to State Cup after winning VYSA's Presidents Cup in the fall.
- **Herndon Crush** will battle **FC Richmond Mystx** at home for a chance to move on to the quarterfinals. Herndon is confident after three great wins and a championship at Jefferson Cup last month. FC Richmond had tournament success in the fall as champions of both the Virginia Beach Columbus Day and Virginia Cup.
- **Stafford Revolution Blue** will travel to Williamsburg to take on **Virginia Legacy Elite**. Stafford is coached by Mark Bowman, Stafford Board Member, while Legacy is coached by Shawn Trueblood, Girls Director of Coaching. Both teams have had success this spring as tournament champions.
- **SOCA Elite** will host newcomer **Old Dominion FC Quest** in Charlottesville on Saturday. Jimmy Tharpe, SOCA and ODP State coach, is looking to improve his team's results from last year after losing in the first round. ODSC has had recent success at tournaments, including championship matches at the Hunt County Classis and Dulles National Soccer Tournament.
- **Loudoun Red** has been looking forward to redemption for almost a year after losing to Arlington in a very close Championship match last year. They begin their journey by hosting **Lee-Mount Vernon Red** on Saturday. LMVS were recent finalists at the Stafford St. Patty's tournament. Loudoun, coached by Alberto Starace and LMVSC, coached by Aldo Landeros, are familiar with each other and have recently had competitive matches in CCL. This contest should be no different.
- **Northern Virginia Soccer Club United**, coached by Patrick DaCosta, will host **Alexandria Red**, coached by Will Hanna. Each team has had recent success - Alexandria won Division 1 of NCSL in the fall and NVSC were semi-finalists at Jefferson Cup last month. Both teams went out in the second round of State Cup last year and are looking to advance further this year.
- **Beach FC Red** will host **Chantilly Youth Association Gold** in the final game of the weekend. Beach FC and coach Ruth Keegan have their sights set on the championship match after being ousted by the eventual State Champions Arlington last year in the semi-finals. CYA continued to succeed after moving up to Division 1 of NCSL in the fall. Coach Jazmin Cardoso has her team prepared to give 2nd ranked Beach FC all they can handle on Saturday.