



## VA National Championship Series Week 4 Spotlight

### 13U Girls

Eight elite teams in the girls 13U age group from around Virginia will play in the quarterfinal round this weekend. Each team will be playing for the opportunity to compete in the semi-finals on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Publix Virginia Training Center in Fredericksburg in hopes of becoming Virginia State Champions!

- **Stafford Revolution Blue** pulled off quite the upset, beating top seeded and defending State Champion Loudoun Red in a close 1-0 match. Coach and Stafford Soccer General Manager Barry Hill said “the girls worked extremely hard for the full 70 minutes. We soaked up a lot of pressure from a very good team and managed to convert one of our opportunities.” Stafford’s opponent in the quarterfinals this weekend will be **Herndon Force**. Herndon advanced on penalty kicks in a thriller against Virginia Rush. Their coach, Nadir Moumen has coached several teams deep into State Cup including several state championship teams.
- **Northern Virginia Soccer Club** shut out McLean Green in their first round match to advance and play **Southwestern Youth Association**. The SYA Cardinals won a tight 1-0 match in regulation over SOCA Elite. This sets the stage for the great four versus five match-up of NVCS and SYA. NVSC has a mother/daughter coaching combo of Marie and Nicole Schweitzer and SYA is coached by Technical Director and VYSA Coaching Education Instructor Paul Ellis.
- **Arlington Red** advanced to the quarterfinals after a great game and 2-1 finish over Alexandria Red. Their opponent in the next round will be **Springfield/South County Phoenix Red**. SYC Phoenix had their own 2-1 win over FC Richmond in their first State Cup match. Coach Mo Tayari of Arlington and coach Fabien Lewis of SYC will prepare their teams to be ready to win and advance to the semi-finals in mid-May.
- **Beach FC** took care of business at home, beating Fredericksburg FC in their first round match. Second-seed **FC Virginia Ashburn** had an easy time with Lee-Mount Vernon in their first round game. Beach FC coach Florence Onuja will take her team north to play in their quarterfinal match against FC Virginia Ashburn. This match looks to be a great defensive struggle with both teams shutting out their opponent in their first round match. Coach Greg Bryant with FCV-Ashburn wants to bring his team back to the championship match, but come away with a win this year.