



## VA National Championship Series Week 4 Spotlight 14U Girls

Eight elite teams in the 14U 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 THE Virginia State Champion!

- Mo Tayari successfully coached two different **Arlington** teams to State Cup victories this weekend. His top-ranked 14U team easily beat Old Dominion SC Storm to advance. Arlington will take on **Fredericksburg FC Black** in the quarterfinals. FFC had to score in overtime to beat Virginia Rush in their round of 16 match. FFC Coach and Executive Director Grover Gibson will have his team ready to take on the top team for a chance to play in the semi-finals later this month.
- **Herndon Crush** shut out FC Richmond Mystx to move on to the quarterfinals. They will take on **Virginia Legacy** who also posted a shutout in their first match against Stafford Revolution. This quarterfinal looks to be a great match up between fourth-ranked Virginia Legacy and fifth ranked Herndon Crush. Both teams are led by coaches successful during their college playing days. Legacy coach Shawn Trueblood was a four-year starter while at Christopher Newport and Herndon coach Tina Valente played on two NCAA National Championship teams at Trenton State.
- **SOCA Elite** shut out Old Dominion FC Quest in the previous round to advance to the quarterfinals and take on **Loudoun Red**. Loudoun cruised past Lee-Mount Vernon in their first State Cup match. SOCA will host Loudoun in Charlottesville on Saturday in their quarterfinal match. This should be a great match between two teams coached by State ODP coaches: Jimmy Tharpe with SOCA and Alberto Starace with Loudoun.
- **Northern Virginia Soccer Club United** narrowly won a hard-fought contest against Alexandria Red last weekend. Their next round opponent, **Beach FC Red**, had an easier time, shutting out CYA Gold in their first round match. Second ranked Beach FC and coach Ruth Keegan will host the team from NVSC and their coach Patrick DaCosta this Saturday in the final quarterfinal match for a chance to play in the semi-finals in Fredericksburg in a few weeks.