

Dear Dan,

Sunday, 6/27/2010

I am absolutely brimming with pride to be able to inform you that the Erin Soccer Club U19 "reunion team" won the U19 CHAMPIONSHIP at the Badger State Games this weekend. This accomplishment has earned the ERIN SOCCER CLUB THE RIGHT TO REPRESENT THE STATE OF WISCONSIN at the State Games of America Tournament in Chula Vista, California!

This was an incredibly hard fought tournament, and these young men played their hearts out. Our final "stay alive to advance" game was tied 0-0 at the end against Sparta Select, so we went to a group of five penalty kicks. Being tied after that, we moved on to sudden death PKs, which we won after two more rounds! It was incredibly exciting, albeit a bit stressful, especially for our goalie. This advanced us to the championship round where we played a true U19 (18 and 19y olds) team. We made some significant changes to our game strategy and it worked! We won by a score of 1-0 in regulation to win the Championship!!

The core of this team began playing together since the age of 4 through two years of U14 at Erin Soccer Club. This U19 team began with a couple of players standing around on the Erin soccer fields this Spring saying, "We should get a U14 reunion team together again for a tournament!". And so it began... the players on our team ranged from an eighth grader through 18y old. Many thanks to our good friends from Hartford Soccer for their help and participation also!

I wish that I could adequately describe how well these boys played. Their passing was excellent, they distributed the ball well, and truly played like a well-orchestrated team. We came home bruised and exhausted, but grinning from ear to ear! Please see the attached photo. A list of the players is given below.

Many sincere thanks to the Erin Soccer Club for sponsoring our "reunion" U19 team. Many thanks to Erin Soccer Club for over ten years of excellent soccer training for these young men!

GO ERIN SOCCER!

Respectfully,  
Teri Sippel Schmidt and Craig Anderson, U19 reunion Coaches

2010 Erin U19 Roster: (from left to right, back row first)

Back row:

Tyler Litts  
Nick Schmitz (goalie)  
Zach Hahn  
Devan Janz  
Josh Hadjinian  
Michael Schmidt  
Brandon St. George  
Matthew Emmer  
Nate Stewart  
Kyle Kaul

Front row:

Coach Craig Anderson  
Alec Anderson  
Tyler Gramling  
Blake Janz  
JT Johrendt  
Austin Johrendt  
Coach Teri Sippel Schmidt  
Nick Hahn