

**Unionville-Milliken Soccer Club**

**Girls U9 – Team 6**

**Coaches – Kevin Cash and Jeff Yamamoto**

**Assistants – Any parents, brothers and sisters who help out in practice**

Well we are five weeks into the regular season with a four and one record (who is that green team anyway?). As you can see from the summary of our team results, all the games are getting closer and closer as each of the teams start to gel. We have a super squad of twelve girls who are now learning that we have to pass the ball around, cover and keep up with the play as the girls on the other teams also know how to play the game.

|         | <u>Score</u>  |                   | <u>Scorers</u> | <u># Goals</u> | <u>Goals to Come?</u> |
|---------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
|         | <b>Team 6</b> | <b>Opposition</b> |                |                |                       |
| June 6  | 7             | 0                 | Avery          | 2              | Anika                 |
| June 13 | 2             | 0                 | Bianca         | 1              | Bree                  |
| June 20 | 1             | 0                 | Christina      | 1              | Gaby                  |
| June 27 | 2             | 1                 | Christine      | 8              | Isabelle              |
| July 4  | 2             | 4                 | Melanie        | 1              | Kristen               |
|         | <u>14</u>     | <u>5</u>          | Victoria       | <u>1</u>       | Tashaya               |
|         |               |                   |                | <u>14</u>      |                       |

Just a little bit about our team: **Anika** who appears to have no fear is our MVP in the goal department with a brilliant save in the dying seconds to preserve a 2 -1 one win and is no slouch on defense or the forward line when she lets her shot go, a goal or two may be coming from Anika yet this year. **Avery** the runner can throw the ball for the distance on throw-ins, has two goals to her credit and has fed a number of great passes through to her forwards for goals or great chances at goal. **Bianca** has played steadily each game, can really strike the ball when she gets her foot on it and blew up field on a great run to score her first goal of the season. **Bree** is one of our anchors on defense who tracks down our opponents, clears the ball from danger and is a force to be reckoned with when she takes free kicks or corner kicks. **Christina** who is a great at dribbling the ball, took the ball up field and motored past her opponents to score a great goal for her first goal of the season. **Christine** is the scoring machine who has scored in each game and is using her dribbling skills, passes from her teammates and the side of her foot (most of the time) to lead the team with eight goals. **Gaby** (“Gabrielle”) is in her first year of soccer and looks like she has played the game before as she takes the ball up field or clears the ball from danger. **Isabelle** another one our anchors on defense probably has the hardest shot on our team (the league?) which sends our opponents and any parents who volunteer for net during practice, running for cover. **Kristen** is a regular volunteer for goal (how many coaches have players who actually volunteer to be goalie?) and has been improving her ball handling and game skills with each game. **Melanie** is great on the ball whether it is on defense or forward and when given the opportunity up front can pound the ball at the net which has resulted in one goal so far, I think we will see a few more goals from Melanie this season. **Tashaya** is in her first year of soccer and is now asserting herself with some good passes and by getting into the play, could there be a goal or two from Tashaya this year? **Victoria** the virtuoso gives MVP efforts each and every game whether it is in goal,

defense or forward, with a great goal to her credit and a toss up between her and Avery as to who can throw the ball furthest on throw-ins.

Thanks to all the parents and brothers and sisters who have helped out at practice. On the coaching front Jeff and I hope to teach the girls how to cover their opponents properly and to support and pass the ball when they have possession. On the rules part of the game we almost have goal kicks and what the goalie can do with the ball down, however corner kicks, free kicks and yes kick offs after a goal is scored, still needs work. Lastly I am not avoiding you by staying on the far sideline during the game. Rather, if soccer day at the end of the year is anything like last year, the coaches will be coaching from the far sideline and they will not be able to run up and down the field, a lesson learned the hard way last year.

See you on the field!

Coach "Cash"