



## CHICAGO KICKERS WIN US CLUB SOCCER STATE CUP!



The Chicago Kickers U17 red team played for the NISL US Club Soccer State Championship on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> in Schaumburg, Illinois. The Kickers showed their heart and determination and prevailed 4-2 to win the state title and advance to the Regional National Cup VIII in Indianapolis, Indiana the weekend of June 27<sup>th</sup>. The Kickers swept through their preliminary round and playoffs without a loss. The championship game saw three lead changes. The Kickers scored in the first minute on a goal from Gilberto Alfaro. South Suburban converted a penalty kick to tie the game and later scored to take the lead 2-1. The Kickers tied the game before halftime on a goal from Oscar Segura. In the second half, Justin Georg scored for a 3-2 lead. And Stephen Korosis scored a late goal to secure the victory and the championship. There were many club members at the game to support our team. The U17 red team would like to thank all our club members and families for their support.

The U17 red team has been very busy this year. The boys took 1<sup>st</sup> place in our winter indoor league at Libertyville with an undefeated record of 11-0. The spring league season started March 28<sup>th</sup> and they finished one point short of 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Premiership 2 Division with a record of 6-1. They took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Barrington indoor tournament in April. They finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the NSR Midwest Cup in Naperville over the Memorial Day Weekend. And just recently, they played for the championship of the UW Parkside Tournament that was rescheduled at our club fields and took 1<sup>st</sup> place with a 3-1 victory.

The team traveled north the weekend of June 20<sup>th</sup> to visit our old friends the Bavarian's for a U18 tournament in Milwaukee. They went 1-1-1.

Dave Adkisson and the Chicago Fire's Nick Noble will train the boys in preparation for our trip to Indianapolis for the Regional National Cup VIII. Should the Kickers win the Regional event, they will advance to the National Tournament in Virginia Beach, VA in July.

In August, the boys hope to be accepted in the College Search Kickoff in Muscatine, Iowa.

The Players: #2 Alec Grazier, #3 Gilberto Alfaro, #4 William Lebavitz, #6 Justin Georg, #7 Stephen Korosis, #8 Albert Acosta, #10 Kyle Blechner, #12 Michael Hanacheck, #13 Shane Hunter, #14 Brian Stout, #17 Richard Poetker, #19, Eric Notson, #21 Oscar Segura, #22 Juan Perez, #23 Connor Brehm

Coaches: Kurt Blechner, John Georg, Harry Korosis

**GO KICKERS !!!!!**