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## **Champions Crowned at 2011 US Youth Soccer ODP Championships**

### **Iowa 94 Boys win states first US Youth Soccer ODP Championship**

**1994 Girls Champion – California South**

**1994 Boys Champion – Iowa**

**1995 Girls Champion – New Jersey**

**1995 Boys Champion – Virginia**

**PHOENIX, Ariz. (March 6, 2011)** – Today, the [2011 US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program \(US Youth Soccer ODP\) Champions](#) were crowned at Reach 11 Sports Complex in Phoenix, Ariz.

These state-level US Youth Soccer ODP 1994 and 1995 Boys and Girls teams earned their way to the US Youth Soccer ODP Championships by way of winning their respective regional championships.

Brief recaps from the championship final and consolation matches are below.

#### **1994 Girls**

In a rematch of last year's final between Cal-South and New Jersey, this year's result was the exact opposite. Last year, Cal-South gave up a one goal lead late in the game as New Jersey came out on top 2-1. This year, New Jersey grabbed the lead in the 87<sup>th</sup> minute on a goal from Gabby Galanti, but Cal-South's Makenzy Doniak leveled in stoppage time and Taylor Alderete scored the winner nine minutes into overtime as Cal-South claimed the title 2-1.

In the third place game, Georgia stormed out the gates against Michigan, grabbing a three goal lead in the first 25 minutes before holding on 4-3. Anastasia Whitehouse put Georgia ahead in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute and Bria Washington and Alexa Allen extended the lead in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Michigan got on the board in the 33<sup>rd</sup> thanks to Mallory Weber, but Caroline Wootten regained the three goal edge for Georgia in the 54<sup>th</sup>. Weber netted her second of the game in the 60<sup>th</sup> and Merlinn Beckwith put Michigan within one in the 69<sup>th</sup>, but the score remained as Georgia claimed third place.

#### **1994 Boys**

Iowa's 94 Boys became the first team from the state to win an ODP National Championship as they took down defending champions Cal-South 4-1. Cal-South defeated Iowa in the semifinals 3-0 last year, but Joshua Dicken grabbed the lead for the Midwesterners in the 26<sup>th</sup> minute and Gabe Christianson doubled it on a penalty kick in

the 70<sup>th</sup>. Cal-South knocked in a PK of their own seven minutes later from Alberto Diaz, but Iowa responded with a Danton Irelan goal in the 85<sup>th</sup> and Christianson sealed the game with his second in the 90<sup>th</sup>.

Eastern Pennsylvania took home third place with a 2-0 victory over Florida. Joseph Farrell notched the game winner for Eastern Penn. in the 64<sup>th</sup> minute and Darius Madison topped it off with his second of the weekend just before the final whistle.

### **1995 Girls**

New Jersey 95 Girls defeated Cal-South 1-0 to give coach Glenn Crooks his second straight ODP Championship after he led the 94s to the title last year. Katelyn Walters put New Jersey in the lead in just the 4<sup>th</sup> minute and the goal would stand as Danielle Sedillo and the New Jersey defense recorded their second shutout of the weekend.

Illinois came from behind to beat North Carolina 2-1 for third place. North Carolina went ahead six minutes into the second half on a Sydney Browder goal. Illinois leveled just two minutes later from Corey Burns, setting up Holly Gregory's game winner in the 59<sup>th</sup>.

### **1995 Boys**

Peter Pearson led Virginia to the title with his second and third goals of the weekend as they defeated Washington 3-1. Pearson's first came just before the halftime whistle and Francesco Amorosino added the winner fifteen minutes after the break. Washington did everything they could to get back in the game, but Jacob Hauser-Ramsey's 67<sup>th</sup> minute goal was all they could get as the woodwork thwarted the Northwesterners on a few occasions. Pearson added the insurance goal in the 75<sup>th</sup>.

Illinois defeated Georgia 1-0 for third place. Michael McKune stepped up for Illinois in the 76<sup>th</sup> as they held on for the shutout win.

## **US Youth Soccer ODP Championships Championship and Consolation Results March 6, 2011**

### **1994 Girls**

#### **Championship**

#### **California South 2, New Jersey 1 (OT)**

Goal scorers: CAS – Makenzy Doniak (90:00) Taylor Alderete (99:00)  
NJ – Gabby Galanti (87:00)

#### **Consolation**

#### **Georgia 4, Michigan 3**

Goal scorers: GA – Anastasia Whitehouse (9:00) Bria Washington (16:00) Alexa Allen (25:00) Caroline Wootten (54:00)  
MI – Mallory Weber (33:00) (60:00) Merlenn Beckwith (69:00)

### **1994 Boys**

#### **Championship**

**Iowa 4, California South 1**

Goal scorers: IA – Joshua Dicken (26:00) Gabe Christianson (70:00) (90:00) Danton Ireland (85:00)  
CAS – Alberto Diaz (77:00)

**Consolation****Eastern Pennsylvania 2, Florida 0**

Goal Scorers: EPA – Joseph Farrell (64:00) Darius Madison (89:00)

**1995 Girls****Championship****New Jersey 1, California South 0**

Goal scorer: CAS – Katelyn Walters (4:00)

**Consolation****Illinois 2, North Carolina 1**

Goal scorers: Corey Burns (47:00) Holly Gregory (59:00)  
NC – Sydney Browder (45:00)

**1995 Boys****Championship****Virginia 3, Washington 1**

Goal scorers: VA – Peter Pearson (40:00) (75:00) Francesco Amorosino (54:00)  
WA – Jacob Hauser-Ramsey (67:00)

**Consolation****Illinois 1, Georgia 0**

Goal scorer: IL – Michael McKune (76:00)

US Youth Soccer ODP, designed to identify and develop a pool of players from which U.S. National Teams may be selected, is the original ODP program. US Youth Soccer ODP is the only elite player development program that can claim members of Major League Soccer and the former Women's United Soccer Association, as well as a majority of current and past national and youth team members, as alumni. And, with programs in all 55 State Associations as well as regional and national championships and participation in international tournaments, US Youth Soccer ODP continues to lead the way in elite player identification and development.

For more information on US Youth Soccer and US Youth Soccer ODP, please visit [www.USYouthSoccer.org](http://www.USYouthSoccer.org).

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**About the United States Youth Soccer Association (US Youth Soccer)** – US Youth Soccer - "The Game for ALL Kids!®" is the largest youth sports organization in the country and largest member of the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body of soccer in the United States. US Youth Soccer registers more than 3 million players annually, ages 5 to 19, and over 900,000 administrators, coaches and volunteers in 55 member State Associations. US Youth Soccer programs provide a fun, safe and healthy environment for players at every level of the game. For more information, visit [www.USYouthSoccer.org](http://www.USYouthSoccer.org).

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**About US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (US Youth Soccer ODP) -** US Youth Soccer ODP, established in 1977, is the original Olympic development program in the United States. Formed to identify a pool of players in each age group from which a National Team could be selected for international competition, selected players are exposed to the nation's top coaches from collegiate institutions, U.S. Soccer and the professional leagues. Programs exist in each state and with competitions such as the US Youth Soccer ODP Championships, Interregional Training/Competition, Regional Camps and International play. US Youth Soccer ODP continues to lead the way in elite player identification and development. US Youth Soccer ODP is an approved program of the U.S. Soccer Federation.

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