

ORLANDO, Fla. (December 30, 2009) – After four days of elite competition, the US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (US Youth Soccer ODP) Boys Super Group concluded with Region I and Region IV battling for both the 1993 and 1994 championships.

1993 1st / 2nd Place Game

The only blemish on the Region I 1993 Boys record was a 1-1 draw with Region IV on the opening day of play. In the championship game, Region I made no doubt about the outcome as they scored three goals in the opening 17 minutes and cruised to a 4-1 victory. Eight minutes into the game Eric Bird displayed some nice skill beating his marker down the right side and cutting a cross into the box. Hayden Harr was in position as he blasted a one-time volley into the net for the 1-0 Region I lead. The lead would become two in the 14th as Luis Rendon Alba put away the rebound when Sean MacDonald blasted a 30 yard shot that the Region IV keeper tipped off the crossbar. The game was in hand three minutes later as Bird's initial shot took a fortunate deflection. The ball floated over the Region IV keeper's head and he could only tip it off the underside of the crossbar as it came down just over the goal line. Region IV pulled one back in the 58th minute as Alfredo Rodriguez beat two defenders down the right side and finished to the far post to cut the lead to 3-1. Region I would get the goal back just before fulltime when Djeli Kouyate fed the ball to Ryan Tauss to finish for the 4-1 win.

1994 1st / 2nd Place Game

The 1994 Boys from Region IV capped off an impressive showing this week as they finished perfect at 4-0, beating Region I for the second time in the championship game. Brian Gutierrez and John McBean came off the bench at halftime to lead Region IV to the 3-0 win. In the 47th minute, Mikhail Doholis received the ball on the left side after some nice combination play from midfield. Doholis crossed the ball into the box where it was deflected into the air. McBean, facing away from goal, flicked the ball over his defender's head, turned, and slammed the volley into the back of the net for the opening score. Just four minutes later Doholis played a short corner kick to Gutierrez who dribbled to the top corner of the penalty box and stung a shot low and just inside the near post for the 2-0 Region IV lead. Gutierrez would close out the game with a minute to play after McBean received a ball at his feet, turned his defender, and played a through ball to Gutierrez on a diagonal run. Gutierrez touched the ball by the keeper and slipped it into the open net for the third and final goal. Region IV was dominant over the week winning every game while scoring 11 goals and giving up none.

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1993 Region I – 4, Region IV - 1

Goal Scorers: Region I: Hayden Harr (8:00), Luis Rendon Alba (14:00), Eric Bird (17:00), Ryan Tauss (70:00)

Region IV: Alfredo Rodriguez (58:00)

1994 Region IV – 3, Region I - 0

Goal Scorers: Region IV: John McBean (47:00), Brian Gutierrez (51:00) (69:00)