

## **Germantown Legends 04 Boys NL**

The 2004 Germantown Legends Boys accomplished a first in Tennessee at this year's USYS Southern Regional Soccer Tournament. Although we have had many teams participate, and even win the event, we have never had a boys' team bring home the Championship.

The first Southern Regional Championship ever won by a Tennessee team was on the girls' side back in 1992. This was a U14 Girls team, and as you may recall Memphis native, Cindy Parlow, played on this team coached by Mike Michner. Since that time, Tennessee has accumulated 8 Southern Regional Champions. They have all been won on the girls' side.

This year Tennessee took home 3 more Southern Regional Championships (that's 11 total, if you are keeping track), but the highlight was the Germantown Legends bringing home the FIRST EVER Boys' Championship. This is quite a feat considering the way in which they accomplished this goal. They went undefeated in the tournament scoring 34 goals (10 different players) and only conceding 4. This is a feat that not even their coach, Carey Talley (retired 13-year MLS Player), who also competed with MFC 76 at Southern Regionals, and lost twice in the finals, was able to accomplish. This was a huge feat indeed!

"This is a special group of kids that have bright futures ahead of them in the sport and in life," says Talley. "The commitment and consistency the players bring to the field each day is a coach's dream and it is paying off for them."

Currently, many of the players are being looked at by college coaches and three of the players including Max Talley, Matt Brucker, and Aaron O'Malley have been identified by, and are training regularly with, Memphis 901 FC of the USL.

The team has won four consecutive State Championships and competes in the USYS National League. They will be one of 8 teams headed to Florida to compete in the USYS National Tournament, July 18-25. Good luck boys!!