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## **Gators SC sends seven teams to 25<sup>th</sup> annual Queen City Tournament U-13, U-12 Girls advance to tournament semi-finals**

Troy, Mich., – May 29, 2008 – Gators SC, one of Michigan’s leading youth soccer organizations, entered seven of the club’s teams in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen City Tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 24-26. Two of the Gators squads played in semi-final games on Memorial Day, May 26, after winning their respective divisions in games played May 24-25.

The Gators SC U-13 Girls-Red team faced the NKSL Chill, of the Northern Kentucky Soccer League, from Union, Kentucky in the Girls U-13 Blue Division semi-final game and lost 3-2. The Gators carried a 2-1 record into the contest and finished the tournament with 6 points.

The Gators SC U-12 Girls team faced Bellbrook Magic, of FC Bellbrook, from Bellbrook, Ohio, in the Girls U-12 Blue Division semi-final game and lost 3-0. The Gators entered the game undefeated with a 2-0-1 record and finished the tournament with 7 points.

“No team that plays on Monday should leave the field with their heads hung low,” Gators SC Director Malcolm Pledge said to the squads following their eliminations. “Only the best of the best play in this round and I’m proud of the effort of both these teams.”

The U-12 Girls were playing their first-ever 11 v. 11 games, having just learned the positions and strategies the week before in a series of scrimmages and practices with their U-13 club mates. The U-12 team plays 8 v. 8 in its MYSL Division.

The Queen City Tournament, hosted by the Westside Soccer Clubs, featured more than 300 teams from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Tennessee. The tournament included upper and lower divisions for ages 8 through 19. Each team played a minimum of three games with a maximum of five games possible, if the team won its division, won its semi-final game and played in the championship round.

### **About Gators Soccer Club**

Gators SC is a soccer club founded to provide an atmosphere in which young players can learn, grow and excel in the sport; and that provides a lifetime of enjoyable memories. Founding Director Malcolm Pledge has more than 33 years of experience including a playing career that led him to Oxford United as an apprentice and clubs throughout the south of England as a semi-pro. He has more than 25 years of coaching experience and was named MYSL Coach of the Year in 2005. The Gators SC coaching and training staff, under the guidance and direction of Malcolm Pledge, trains and coaches boys and girls U-9 through U-19. For more about Gators SC, [www.gatorssc.org](http://www.gatorssc.org).

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*Photo Caption:*

The Gators SC U-12 Girls team celebrates its win to capture the "B Group" championship in the Blue Division at the Queen City Tournament in Cincinnati on May 25. The team advanced to the semi-finals and lost 3-0 to Bellbrook Magic on May 26.



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