

94 Carolina Select USYS State Finalists

Chris Carrieri led the 94B Carolina Select team to an incredible season. U15 Select won the NCYSA Classic 1st Division East with a 7-1-1 record this spring. The bold, preseason decision was made to enter USYS State Cup. Few first division teams enter this highest level State Cup, but Chris believed the boys could step up to the challenge.



Select's State Cup run began with a 3-1 play-in game win over W-S Twins White with a dominating second half which broke open the tie game. State Cup play opened 2 weeks later in Greensboro with our first game opponent was #1 seed CASL Elite. The talented CASL team provided a rude introduction to State Cup and came away with a 3-0 win putting us in a position for a short stay in the tournament. Carolina bounced back with successive wins over #4 G'Boro and #5 CSA wearing the lucky White uniforms. These wins pushed the team to a Final Four berth against B bracket winner #2 HFC Red.

The Saturday semifinal would be an epic struggle played out over 110 minutes and 2 overtimes. A Carolina goal in each overtime period would seal the win for Carolina. State Final Sunday brought a rematch with CASL Elite, fresh off a 2-0 win over TFC Navy.

U15 Select was the only 1st Division team at any age, boys or girls, to make State Cup Final Four. The boys welcomed the challenge of the rematch due to their progression in the tournament. Unfortunately, the championship was not to be, as CASL repeated their 3-0 win in the Final.

Chris Carrieri, the players and parents would like to thank the Carolina Soccer Club family for its support during this phenomenal and unforgettable run. They met their season goal of winning 1st Division and in the process exceeded expectations with 2 tournament wins, and a State Finalist finish.

Go Carolina!