



2010 President's Cup - U18G Champions

April 10, 2010 - Our Florida Rush U18G team coached by Sal Conigliaro took home the state championship. It all started on Saturday afternoon. It was a hot sunny day, the girls were pumped. They played the Winter Haven Kicks. From the start of the game it was very obvious that this was going to be a very physical game. The first half ended with a score of 0-0 with my goalie (Tori Brown) saving a PK just before the first half ended. Towards the end of the game, all the girls on both teams were feeling the tension and one of my good players (Meghan Hahn) received a red card which led us into over time. We scored in the eighth minute (Lindsey Woody) with the score of 1-0. During the second OT, defense (Haley Morris, Lauren Shea, Carlee Pizzalato, and Paige Sterner) played very strong and held the lead to a 1-0 win. We were now headed to the championship! Going into Sunday's game, we only had 12 players available and we knew this was going to be a tough game. We played Venice Falcons from Sarasota. In the first half it seemed like an evenly balanced game ending with a score of 0-0 at half time with our goalie (Tori Brown) making some crucial saves. During the second half and after a pep talk from me, the team came out stronger then ever especially the midfield (Patricia Chastang, Lindsey Woody, Alexis Koula, Kelly Schimit, and Catilyn Hamlin) and forwards (Trycha Farrell, and Robin Riggle) came out really strong. Just before the water break in the second half, we scored (Trycha Farrell) with a break away putting the goal away. Now with a score of 1-0 all we had to do was keep the lead even though only having 12 players. Final score was 1-0. On April 11, 2010 we were crowned the champions of the President's Cup!

Coach Sal has trained these girls for a total of 3 years and will be, with out a doubt, missing them after this season has ended. "It was a pleasure having these girls on my team and in my life and they will be surely missed".

Coach Sal