



“Rocke” Solid: Lafreniere 95 Sting Wins State Championship!

Coach Colin Rocke’s charges won their first premier State Soccer Championship at Burbank Field in Baton Rouge on May 24, 2009. The U-14 girls beat the Lafayette Rage 2 to 1 in overtime.

The Sting got on the board early when striker Jeanette Zavala laid a ball off to Caitlin “Chickie” Roberts who drilled the ball into the upper right for the first goal of the game. The Sting then dominated play with the help of Christy Morales and Isabella Santamaria up top, and strong midfield play from Kim Grasso, Brook Gros, Caitlin Flint, and Lauren Lilly. Lafayette had problems containing the flanks as Kirstie Champagne and Makelle Pena made numerous runs deep into the Rage defense. Meanwhile, the Sting defense led by Ashley Harber, Whitney Champagne, Lauren Lorentz and Carlie Ellender played tough and limited Lafayette to only four shots and one late goal in the entire game.

Goalie Caitlin “K-tek” Kohoutek, played marvelously, particularly in overtime. She stopped one critical shot and directed the defense from the goal. The Sting won their first state title when Makelle Pena chipped the Lafayette goalie with 8 minutes left in the second overtime for the winning score. The Sting, who have always been known for their defense, developed their offense over the course of the spring season under Coach Rocke’s tutelage, scoring 9 goals in their four game run for the State Championship. The 95 Lafreniere Sting will represent Louisiana at the USYS (United States Youth Soccer) Region III Championship in Dallas, Texas, starting June 18, 2009 where they will play state champions from the 12 southern states from North Carolina to Texas.