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Washington Youth Soccer Awards Inaugural Cliff McCrath Cup

FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON (Wednesday, June 4) – Monday night, Washington Youth Soccer fans witnessed history as the Highline Premier FC (HPFC) Heat '88 Boys team defeated Crossfire Premier '88 – Fewing, 3-1, to become the Boys Under-19 US Youth Soccer Washington State Champions and win the inaugural Cliff McCrath Cup. As part of the larger tournament earlier this spring, the Under-19 Championships were held over May 30th – June 1st at the Washington Premier Soccer Complex in Puyallup.

Recently named in honor of legendary Seattle Pacific University coach Cliff McCrath, the HPFC Heat '88 will be the first team name engraved on the larger-than-life cup which will reside permanently in the Washington Youth Soccer Hall of Fame Trophy Room.

“The Championship game was a battle to the end; full of great action, true skill, speed, and teamwork – just the way Cliff would have wanted it,” stated Washington Youth Soccer’s Executive Director/COO, Todd McGann. “We congratulate the HPFC Heat '88 team on their success and hope they continue to share in and advocate Cliff’s passion and dedication to the game.”

All US Youth Soccer Washington State Champions (Under 12 thru Under 19) will represent Washington at the US Youth Soccer Region IV Championships in Honolulu, Hawaii from June 16-22. For game schedules and additional tournament information, visit wsysa.com.

About Washington Youth Soccer

Washington Youth Soccer is the largest youth soccer organization in Washington. Washington Youth Soccer is the state's affiliate for US Youth Soccer, which is the largest sports organization in the United States and the most populous member of the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body for soccer in the United States. The Washington Youth Soccer is the sixth largest membership in the nation; our organization represents over 123,000 players (ages 4-19) and their families, 15,000 coaches on 11,000 teams and 6,500 referees in the state of Washington. Washington Youth Soccer’s mission is to foster the physical, mental and emotional growth and development of the State of Washington's youth through the sport of soccer at all levels of age and competition.

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