



~ 2002 Chevy State President's Cup ~



The Mighty Bluebird U-9 girl's soccer team won their first state championship at the 2002 Girls American Cup in Rogers, Arkansas. The U-9 Mighty Bluebirds or the Little Bluebirds as they are called are a group of nine second graders and three third graders who competed in the U-9 division. This means that nine of the twelve players were actually playing up a year. Despite a size difference the Mighty Bluebirds stormed through the 2002 state tournament defeating Harrison 7-1 in their first game, Conway 6-0 in the second game, Harrison 6-0 in the third game, and Conway 9-0 in the final game of the round robin tournament.

The Bluebird defense was unbelievably strong shutting out all their opponents with the exception of the time when they played with no goalie. Sarah Johnson at stopper, Olivia Gregory at sweeper, and Annie Stafford at goalie provided an unbelievably tough defense. Offense was led by Haley Hatcher who had over 20 goals in the tournament. Also scoring for the Bluebirds were Sarah Johnson, Brooke Wendl, Elizabeth Freeman, Macey Burr, Olivia Gregory, Annie Stafford, Larkin Hatcher, and--with five seconds to go in the final game--Becky Scott scored her first goal of the season.

The 2002 state championship capped off a season where the Little Mighty Bluebirds had played up a year against boys or played girls two years older than them throughout the season.

