



~ 2001 Memphis Cotton Classic ~



The Mighty Bluebird U-12 Classic Soccer Team *won* the Memphis Cotton Classic by scoring 19

goals and allowing only 2. The Bluebirds held all of their opponents scoreless until a penalty kick shoot-out after a 0 - 0 tie at the end of regulation and overtime play in the finals. The win for the Mighty Bluebirds marked the only tournament victory for any team from Little Rock and the Bluebirds did it the hard way. The Mighty Bluebirds beat the three most prestigious clubs in Memphis defeating Purple Rain in the first game 4 - 0, the Memphis Fury 7 - 0, the Memphis Football Club 4 - 0, and the Lady Lobos 4 - 2 in a penalty kick shootout.

The win in the Memphis Cotton Classic may be the only win by a girls' team in Arkansas history as the competition is fierce. The victory marked the 8th tournament that the Mighty Bluebirds have won. Bethany Morrison turned in another great job at goalkeeper shutting out opponents during the entire tournament and outstanding un-replaceable performances were turned in by Kaylee Flowers and Caty McMains at the outside defensive back positions. Amanda Janton did a great job at sweeper picking off anybody that got through the front line while Abby Bloom played the best tournament ever distributing the ball up the field to the halfbacks. Courtney Sykes and Rebekah Riner did a fine job distributing the ball and playing defensive halfback for the Bluebirds. LeeAnna Magrath played one of her best tournaments ever at outside halfback while Annie DeCoursey was her normal fierce self at outside halfback. Caroline Benton had one of her best tournaments ever scoring three times on direct kicks throughout the tournament while also playing great defense and distributing the ball.

At forward Tracy Powell led the way with 5 goals for the tournament while Katie Udron, Haley Whisenhunt, Kelsey Hatcher, and Erin Howland all contributed goals and proved once again that the Mighty Bluebird offense is the best in the south.

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