

# Mighty BlueBirds

## ~ 2002 Chevy State President's Cup ~




The Mighty Bluebird White Team won their second consecutive state championship and third overall in Fayetteville at the 2002 Presidents Cup. The Bluebirds won their first game against Cabot 6-0, their second game against Conway Ice 5-0, their third game against FC United 5-1. In the semifinals they won against their sister team the Mighty Bluebirds Blue 2-1 and then beat LR Futbol Club '90 3-2 in a shootout for the state championship finals. The Bluebirds who outscored their opponents 18-1 in regulation play and 21-3 for the tournament including the shootout had a great effort from all players. Leading the way in scoring throughout the tournament were Kelsey Hatcher, six goals and four assists, Haley Whisenhunt, six goals and two assists, Tracy Powell, four goals and one assist, and Katie Udron, four goals and one assist. In the final in the penalty kick shootout Tracy Powell, Katie Udron, and LeeAnna Magrath made their penalty kicks with LeeAnna Magrath getting the winner in the sudden death shootout.

The defense of Abby Bloom, Caty McMains, Kaylee Flowers, and Amanda Janton was only allowed two goals throughout the tournament with Courtney Sykes and Rebekah Riner helping out both on defense and at the

midfield positions. The Bluebirds got unbelievably strong midfield play from Annie DeCoursey, Erin Howland, LeeAnna Magrath, and Kelsey Hatcher who all played some of their best soccer ever. As always you have to win the midfield in order to score.

The Mighty Bluebirds ended their season with their record streak of no losses to Arkansas teams in their own age group in over five seasons. The Bluebirds had played up all year in the girls divisions and played several boys teams throughout the year. The 2002 State Cup marked the Mighty Bluebird White teams third state championship in four years and the fourth state title for Mighty Bluebird teams.

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