

GRAND RAPIDS



## **GRAND RAPIDS CREW JUNIORS PRESS RELEASE**

### **GRAND RAPIDS CREW JUNIORS UNDER-14 BOYS SQUAD WINS REGIONAL FINAL IN ROCKFORD, ILL.**

*Squad now prepares for 2008 U.S. Youth Soccer  
National Championships in Little Rock, Ark.*

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Columbus, Ohio – The Grand Rapids Crew Juniors (GRCJ) continued its success in the 2008 youth soccer postseason this week, as it defeated FC Milwaukee Blue, 3-0, Wednesday (June 25) in the championship final of the 2008 Youth Soccer Region II Championships in Rockford, Ill. The squad will now prepare for the 2008 U.S. Youth Soccer Championships to be held at the Burns Park Soccer Complex in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 22-27.

"We are very proud of our regional partnership with the Grand Rapids Crew Juniors in general, and are excited that the GRCJ U-14s continue to represent our colors and brand so well nationally, said Andrew Arthurs, the Crew's VP of Business Development and the Crew Juniors Program. "This commitment to player development and to producing teams that play an attacking, attractive brand of soccer are exactly what we were looking for when we partnered with GRASA and GVP in West Michigan. We wish them well at the USYS National Championships."

The GRCJ Under-14 boys team advanced to Nationals after taking home the Michigan State Cup last weekend, June 20-22, after sweeping through the tournament bracket with victories of 4-0 and 5-0, before continuing its dominance with a 4-0 victory in the final. The squad entered postseason play after finishing the regular season with one of the best records in the country in its age group.

**The Players:**

Jason Stacy – Forest Hills Central  
Jacob Vanderlaan – Grand Haven  
Luke Bestrom – Caledonia  
Taylor Mazurek – Brighton  
Chase Rau – Sparta  
Trevor Osburn – Traverse City Central  
Sean Conerty – Forest Hills Central  
Matt Harkema – Hudsonville Unity Christian  
Diego Bobadilla – Holland  
Ben Sinclair – Forest Hills Central  
Andrew Lewis – Rockford  
Hunter Vandenoorn – Forest Hills Central  
Jeremy Wodarek – Lowell  
Nate Rose – Grand Haven  
Greg Timmer – Hudsonville Unity Christian  
Mike Smyser – Forest Hills Northern  
Chad Gordon – Jenison  
Caleb Postlewait – Home school

**The Coaches:**

Remco Bergsma – Head Coach  
Todd Stacy – Assistant Coach

**Crew Juniors Mission Statement**

The Crew Juniors were formed to create the premier youth player development program in Major League Soccer. We strive to assemble the finest coaching staff and to be committed to their long-term development through continuing education. We commit to establishing an outstanding learning environment for young people, on and off of the field. We pledge to run the Crew Juniors organization with a sense of community, and a commitment to give back to the game and assist with its growth at all levels.