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January 11, 2012--Congratulations to five **Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association (ENYYSA)** teams that were selected to compete in the **Region 1 Presidents Cup** on Memorial Day weekend--May 25 to 28, 2012--in Londonberry and Nashua, New Hampshire. The five teams chosen are the Boys-Under-16 **White Plains Tyros** and the Boys-Under-17 **Manhattan SC Sparta** of the Westchester Youth Soccer League, Boys-Under-14 **Oceanside United Pirates** and Girls-Under-15 **Lake Grove Fusion** of the Long Island Junior Soccer League plus the Girls-Under-16 **Capital United Fusion** of the Capital District Youth Soccer League. This Capital United team with most of the same players won the Region 1 Presidents Cup in Albany and represented ENYYSA at the Nationals in Iowa last year.

“Our Capital United Fusion team had a fabulous experience last year in the Presidents Cup Regionals and Nationals,” commented Capital United President Keith Villamil. “In addition to the outstanding competition and excellent facilities, one of the most memorable times for the girls was exchanging items from each state and meeting other players from varying backgrounds. The national championship competition was the most professionally-run event that we’ve ever attended with top-notch fields, scoreboards, referees and a competitive environment. We would love an opportunity to again compete for a chance to represent Eastern New York at the Nationals in California in 2012!”

“We thank everyone at Eastern New York for their support and look forward to the Presidents Cup Regional in New Hampshire,” Keith concluded.

The Region 1 Presidents Cup is the regional qualifier for the U.S. Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup. All age group winners of the regional Presidents Cups move on, except Under-13s, to play in the National Presidents Cup in Sacramento, California on July 11 to 15, 2012.

The Presidents Cup is a mid-level tournament for those youth teams looking to play against squads of similar abilities for a national title. With 120,000 youth soccer players and more than 25,000 volunteers, the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association stretches from Montauk Point, Long Island to the Canadian border. Members are affiliated with 12 leagues throughout the association, which covers the entire state of New York east of Route 81. ENYYSA exists to promote and enhance the game of soccer for children and teenagers between the ages of 5 and 19 years old, and to encourage the healthy development of youth players, coaches, referees and administrators. All levels of soccer are offered—from intramural, travel team and premier players as well as Special Children. No child who wants to play soccer is turned away. ENYYSA is a proud member of the United States Soccer Federation and United States Youth Soccer Association. For more information, please log on to <http://www.enysoccer.com/>, which receives nearly 300,000 hits annually from the growing soccer community.