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Nepean Hotspurs Soccer Club – NHSC Selects Reach Ontario Indoor Cup Semi Finals

The Nepean Hotspurs Soccer Club (NHSC) is pleased to announce that the Nepean Hotspurs Selects (U15GL3) had a very successful Valentines Day Weekend, making it to the semi-final round at the 2010 Ontario Indoor Cup U15G Tournament, which was held at The Soccer Centre in Vaughn, Ontario.

In Game One of the tournament's round robin phase, the Selects played the Wexford Wildcats (U15G OYSL), who are ranked # 3 in Ontario. Down 1-0 at half, the Selects came back with great goals from Kristi Korycki-Striegler and Rebecca Watson to take the lead. Dominate in the 2nd half, and backstopped by stellar goal tending from Cassandra DaSilva, the Selects registered a 2-1 victory over Wexford.

Game 2 saw the Selects facing the Mississauga Dixie Athletic's. First half goals by Rebecca Watson and Kristi Korycki-Striegler, combined with possession soccer in the second half, resulted in a 2-0 victory for the Selects.

In Game 3, the Selects faced another very strong OYSL team, the Aurora Stingers, who are ranked # 5 in Ontario. Although both teams were guaranteed spots in the semi-final round, the game promised to be a spirited affair, as the teams vied for first place in their pool. Playing hard from the opening whistle, the Selects scored twice before the game was five minutes old on outstanding efforts from Rebecca Watson and Alyssa Capon. Determination, and another excellent performance from Cassandra DaSilva between the pipes, resulted in a 2-0 victory for the Selects. However, the physical match saw 3 red cards, with 2 to the Selects, and 5 yellows.

Nevertheless, the conclusion of the round robin phase saw the Selects in first place in their pool, with a 3-0 record, and only 1 goal against. The Selects were the only team in both pools to win all 3 round robin games.

Sunday's semi final match against the Erin Mills Mighty Eagles was going to be a challenge for the Selects who were down to one sub, due to Saturday's red cards. While the Selects managed a spirited first half, holding Ontario's #9 ranked team to a scoreless draw, the Selects short bench saw our exhausted girls surrender 5 goals to Erin Mills in the second half.

The entire Hotspurs family congratulates Coach Louis, Coach Greg, Manager Todd, Trainer Maria and the Selects - Cassandra DaSilva, Alyssa Capon, Taylor Macmillan, Emily Copeland - Dinan, Victoria Tegano, Jessica Maneiro, Sarah Osborne, Kristi Korycki-Striegler and Rebecca Watson for an outstanding effort, and for representing our club so well. It's a great start to our 40th anniversary season.

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