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- Current Team you are coaching-** **Present Select Team: U9 Girls (ERSA)**
Present Recreational Team: U8 Girls (ERSA) and U6 Girls and Boys (ERSA)
Previous Recreation Teams: U6-U8 Boys and Girls
- Training, Licenses-** **USSF "E" License 2004**
USSF Youth Module II 2003
USSF Youth Module I 2003
- Playing Experience-** **Played recreation ball since age 4 then select as well as high school.**
Currently play outdoor and indoor in an Adult League (ERSA)
- Team Name-** **Select: ERSA Express Bratt Attack**
Recreation: ERSA Bratt Attack II, ERSA Red Dragons
- Team Record-** **ERSA Bratt Attack: Got Milk 3v3 Soccer Shootout Area Tourney-Nashville TN (2nd)**
ERSA Bratt Attack: Got Milk 3v3 Soccer Shootout Regional Tourney- Dayton OH (Advanced to Finals in Orlando FL January 2005)
- Tournaments-** **The Got Milk 3v3 Soccer Shootout**
The Ocoee Cup, The Tennessee United Questfest Girls' Invitational, The Queen City Classic
- Training or Practice Days-** **Tuesdays, Saturdays**
- Personal Beliefs and philosophy-** **I love soccer for all that it has done for me through my life. It is not only an excellent way to stay in shape but it offers so much of what life is all about. Winning and losing, it is not just about how you play the game in a match scenario, but how you handle the before the game and after the game situations. I used to think that the offense was the most important part of it all, but lately I have changed my focus to be a defensive mind set. Offense needs to happen to win and it will but more importantly you have to be able to defend or it does not matter if you score or not. I try to teach my girls that no matter what happens on the field whether you win or loss you always shake hands with the other team, the referee, and tell each other good game as well. I try to condition my team as much as possible I believe in running and running then running some more, then when it is late in the second half and you are down a goal and the other team is starting to tire out then you know what all that running was for.**
Soccer is all about ball control, dribbling, and short passes at the age my team is at right now. At U9 most just do not have the leg strength to put a ball into the middle of the field off a corner kick in the air so we concentrate on other ways to accomplish getting the ball in play. I believe that the first thing to being a successful coach is you have to love the game, understand it second, and have patience and understand that just because you can do it that your player can too. Once you have a great team to coach, assistant coaches that you can trust to run the team in your absence, an unbelievable manager (had to say that she is my wife), trainers, and an incredible parent support group all that is left is to bring home the trophy. Oh ya and to have fun.