



PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

IZZY MORKEN

- Current team: **2004**
- Favorite Position: **Goalie**
- Most memorable soccer experience: **Being a ball girl for the Chicago Red Stars**
- Favorite soccer team: **US National Team**
- Favorite player: **Alyssa Naehler**
- Favorite food: **Fettuccine Alfredo**
- Fun fact about you! **I use to play midfield, I also play French horn in school band**
- What do you want to be when you grow up? **Professional Soccer player for the US National Team – of course!**
- If you could have a super power...what would it be? **Reading people's minds**
- Favorite quote: **"I will not give up. I will reach my goal and absolutely nothing will stop me" – Hope Solo**



Selected for: Izzy has shown a tremendous improvement in resilience and attitude. She is really starting to buy into the GK program and is applying herself with a competitive spirit. She has become a very coachable goalkeeper who responds well to constructive criticism. She works hard and consistently attends the open goalkeeper sessions.



MATTI SYSIMAKI

- Current team: **2003**
- Favorite Position: **Center Defender**
- Favorite soccer team: **Chelsea FC**
- Favorite player: **Eden Hazard**
- Favorite food: **Rice, pea and black bean chips**
- Most memorable soccer experience: **My mom asked for me to score a goal for mother's day. I got to the game and Coach put me in goal, after a save I kicked the ball, it made one bounce over the other goalies head and I scored a goal!**
- Fun fact about you! **I have tried mountain biking with a unicycle**
- What do you want to be when you grow up? **Medical Dr. or Engineer**
- If you could have a super power...what would it be? **Shape shifting**
- Favorite quote: **"It's not about the destination...it's about the journey."**



Selected for: Matti's attitude deserves recognition, along with his commitment to the team, club, and sport. Matti is always volunteering to carry gear, help pick up at the end of sessions, and assist in setting up sessions. He is always very receptive to coaching and immediately demonstrates the adjustments asked of him. Matti constantly demonstrates the rush core values, both on and off the field. He always gives 100% and demonstrates great character and integrity.

Honorable Mentions: Grace Wilkerson (Academy), Benedict (Academy), Arlo Wilker (2006), Drew Ripp (2006), Maddy Mahlum (2005), Carver Burkhalter (2005), Hogan Schneider (2005) Austin Meyer (2004), Thomas Flottmeyer (2002)

This is a new feature that shows other players in the club that received votes for player of the month by coaching staff!