

TEAM OF THE MONTH

For “Team of the Month” we hope to talk to one of our teams each month. To be featured here, your teams doesn’t necessarily have to win every game it plays. We want to feature those teams, as well as teams that represent the club well with how they play and train, support the community, improve from game to game and practice to practice, support each other and the club. If you know an FFC team that would be good to recognize here, email tleiss@fredericksburgfc.org.

MAY 2019

FFC 05 BOYS BLACK

May’s Team of the Month is FFC 05 Boys Black. The finished the 2018-19 Club Champions League season with a 5-7-4 record in the Premiership Division. It has been on a run in tournament play, however, winning the last five tournaments it participated in, finishing as finalists in the two prior to that run.

So far during 2019, the squad won the McLean Premier Cup, FFC’s St. Patrick’s Day Invitational and the Williamsburg Invitational, going undefeated in all three tournaments.



WILLIAMSBURG INVITATIONAL RESULTS IN MAY

W, 4-1 vs. Shenandoah Valley United ‘05B Blue

W, 1-0 vs. Tidewater Sharks 2005 United

W, 3-0 vs. Tidewater Sharks ‘05 City [SEMIS]

W, 4-3 vs. Shenandoah Valley United ‘05B Blue (FINAL)



The team also has built comradery on and off the field through various team building activities.

“The Pitch” spoke with team manager Chris Brantley to learn a little more about what makes up this team and what has helped the team on this successful run.

What made the team successful in May?

The team worked together to earn a record for the month of 4-1-2 in league and tournament play, including taking the championship at the Williamsburg Invitational.

From what you've said, the team has shown a lot of improvement over the last year, what do you think was the key to that?

The boys have definitely improved their skill level over the course of the last year, but more importantly, they have improved their mental attitude, and are far more successful in keeping their heads in the game, even when things are not going well.

Do the boys spend time together away from the field as well?... If so, do you have any examples of this they've done you could share?

No specific examples, but all of the boys get along well and can always be found hanging out together at tournament hotels and meals. At the Williamsburg Invitational, we had a team barbecue at the resort pool and every member of the team, and the families, participated.

Anything else you'd like to add about the team?

As noted in my original email, the boys have worked hard to compete against some top-level opponents and have won the last five tournaments that they participated in. This is a great group of boys that have worked hard to improve as individuals and as a team.

