

## U11 Nova Black Wins Novi Jags Tournament

The '96 Nova Black Team took 1st Place in the Novi Jaguar Invitational Soccer Tournament held May 11-13, 2007. The Nova boys played tough opposition in the top division for their age group, defeating the Michigan Rush, Ann Arbor United Premier and Livonia Meteors in the preliminary round. Perhaps one of the most exciting games was against Waza in the semi final match-up. Coming from behind with the score 0-2, Nova Black tied it up before the end of regulation play, forcing an overtime. The players kept everyone on the edge of their seat as the score remained at 2-2 through most of the ten minute overtime play. The Nova boys put one in the back of the net with about two minutes left on the clock to win the semi-game. The final match-up was against a very determined Vardar Elite team. Both teams put on a great show of strength and skill, keeping the game scoreless through most of the second half. But once again, the Nova boys showed tenacity and determination, channeling their way through Vardar's defense and pounded one into the net with only minutes remaining. The boys fought hard and held onto that lead until the final whistle – what a game! Great show for the parents and spectators and great win for the '96 Nova Black team! Congratulations boys on your hard work and dedication to the game!



Back row: Jacob Pnakovich, Nate Peters, Cameron Jacques, Jason Licata, Andrew Courtemanche, Nick Badalamenti, Greg Ognjanovski, Jimmy Trigger.  
Front row: Noah Hicks, Chris Johnson, Marcello Mancini, Mark Trombley, Christopher Berak. Keeper: Rob Beckwell.