

VSA Teams Perform Well at Heartland Invitational- Five Advance Out of Group, Two Finalists, One Champion

Five Vision Soccer Academy teams advanced out of their groups in the challenging Heartland Invitational Tournament played in Overland Park, KS 11/5-6 and 11/12-13. VSA's U11 and both U12 Girls teams as well as the U12 and U14 Boys moved on to the elimination rounds of the HIT. Of the five teams advancing, two made it to the tournament finals (U12 Girls and U12 Boys) with the U12 Boys winning the event.

The U12 Girls, coached by Aziz Haffar, reached the Silver Bracket finals in a rematch of the first game in which the girls fell to NWAL (Bentonville, AR). The 12 Girls displayed improved technical range over the Fall season and proved themselves in taking NWAL to penalty kicks.

The U12 Boys Galacticos, coached by Bill Koeppen, reached their fifth tournament championship game in the past 18 months. Like the U12 Girls, the Galacticos met a team in Gateway City (Sioux City) that had beaten them previously (2009 HIT). The VSA boys were too much for Gateway this time in taking the Gold Bracket championship 1-0. The VSA Galacticos scored 10 goals and conceded only two en route to taking the tournament's top prize.