

## **Lincoln County Fair Soccer Tournament Champions 2008 Under 10 Girls (1998) Ancaster Thunder**

The families of the 14 players of the Ancaster Thunder Under 10 Girls Competitive Soccer Team woke up at the crack of dawn Saturday Sept 6th to arrive in Beamsville for a 9:00am game in the Lincoln County Fair Soccer Tournament.

9:00am - game 1, it was a tough loss against Stoney Creek Shock 2-1, but historically our girls really never wake up until noon on the weekends, and the loss was dismissed. Head Coach Alison Roberge, (a veteran coach with Ancaster Soccer) started to get the girls mentally prepared for our 1:40pm game. Assistant Coach Diana Kay (another veteran coach with Ancaster Soccer) pumped up the girls with accolades and jube jubes. And boy between the two coaches and the sugar shock the girls came out like "Thunder" crushing Brantford BICS 1 N' Only 2-0. The final game was at 4:00pm against Saltfleet Storm, a team that during regular league play we could only tie, well we did it again, another tie 1-1. At the end of the day we sat in second place, first place was Saltfleet Storm. The championship game was to be played Sunday.

Sunday at 12:00, the heavens were wild, it was pouring rain and cold - and what better atmosphere for the Championship game - Saltfleet "**STORM**" vs. Ancaster "**THUNDER**", two teams that were meant to play each other for the hardware. This would see for the first time as a team, 1998 girls Ancaster Thunder make it to the Championship game.

After 45 minutes of regulation time Catherine Cipolla was yellow carded in our keepers box for interference with a hand ball stopping a possible goal, this resulted in a penalty shot, Abby Kay(our Keeper) was prepared. The Saltfleet player was ready, she shoots - Abby Kay stops the ball and punches it back in play, Victoria Muraca kicks the ball off the pitch. 0-0 after regulation time!

We got prepared for overtime, 2 x 10 minute halves - there had to be a winner. The girls where hungry for the win, some more encouragement from the coaches and the first line up went back out. It only lasted 4 minutes defence was strong, the keeper was on fire, our forwards knew what they had to do, and with a pass from Alexia Amorim to Nicole Roberge who blasted past the two Saltfleet defence and scored the winning goal. 0-1 for Ancaster Thunder Tournament Champions!



Thank you goes out to all the parents for enduring the horrible wet and cold weather, to our sponsors for supporting us all season, and to the players:

Nicole Roberge, Leigha AbiSaab, Catherine Cipolla, Alexia Amorim, Carly Murphy-Morrison, Emily Lenarduzzi, Serena DeJong, Amy Lewycky, Victoria Muraca, Danielle Lagana, Lindsey Ciaramella, Abby Kay (Keeper), Rebecca Arth, Kendra Serafini. Head Coach Alison Roberge, Assistant Coach Diana Kay, Manager Leanne Lagana **\*\*missing from picture Serena DeJong\***