# Jorgenson sisters claim national title in summer league

## Duo led KC Dynamo to USASA crown

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**BRIDGEVIEW, Ill. –** Middle Tennessee soccer student-athletes and sisters, Whitney and Emily Jorgenson, were part of the winning Under-23 squad for KC Dynamos at the United States Adult Soccer Association National Cup finals recently near Chicago.

Whitney, a rising senior, and Emily, an incoming freshman, helped guide the KC Dynamos to a 5-1 victory in the final over FC Milwaukee. The squad opened the tournament by handing Louisiana United a 13-0 setback in the semifinal. Both players scored and had assists during the tournament, including Whitney netting a goal in the championship.

The summer club team, coached by Derek Shore, is a squad Whitney has trained with every summer since she started college soccer. This was Emily's first experience with the team and she was the youngest member, which saw players range in age from 18 to 22. They trained every Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. and focused on fitness and getting a lot of touches on the ball, in preparation for fall collegiate campaigns.

Each member of the squad hailed from a college program, including Duke, Notre Dame, Marquette, Nebraska, Kansas, Memphis and others.

"I have grown up playing with almost all these girls so it's always exciting to get to play with them again," Whitney said. "It was a huge benefit to get to play with my sister, too. We got a little sneak peek of what it's going to be like playing with each other in the fall and we couldn't be more pumped."

The 2012 tournament was not the first time this group of players had teamed together, as they have entered numerous state cups and captured the regional title the last two years. Last summer, the squad advanced to the national championship, only to lose a heartbreaker to a team from California.

"This year was different though. For some of the girls, it was their last time playing with Derek since

their eligibility was up and it was his last year coaching. These summers together not only physically prepare us for our college seasons but mentally prepare us as well.

“We got a chance to play at the top tournament in our age group and it was nice to see the summer’s hard work turn into such a great team success. I think this national championship got me even more excited for the upcoming season. This was the first national championship any of us have achieved on a club level. It was great to reward our coach Derek for all the time, work, enthusiasm and love he has showed us every year.”

The National Cups competition is the oldest and most prestigious soccer tournament in the United States for any person who is a member of a team playing in a league of four or more teams affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation and the United States Adult Soccer Association. Only two women’s national championships are crowned: Women’s Cup and Under 23 Cup.

The event was held at Toyota Park, home of Major League Soccer’s Chicago Fire, in the Windy City suburb of Bridgeview.

Both sisters will be on the field for the Blue Raiders when the team opens preseason camp Wednesday.

”I only hope Emily and I can carry on these traits to the upcoming season and help bring MT one step closer to winning that next championship!”

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