



PSG Nova 05 Black headed down to Orlando over President's Day weekend for the Disney President's Day Soccer Festival. Expectations were high, as the boys had been training hard to represent the club and the team well. They certainly did not disappoint.

The first game found the team facing off against Liverpool FC 04, a top team in South Carolina. The Liverpool FC coach was reported before the game as saying he could not find enough solid competition to compete with in South Carolina. He found his match with Nova. Dominic, Nick, Joe and Braxton led the team with a 4-0 victory.

Game two found our boys squaring off against Coral Estates SC Breakers out of South Florida. It was our first game at the beautiful ESPN Wide World of Sports complex on the grounds at Walt Disney World. Skies were blue, the sun was out, and the Nova boys were ready to shine. Our Nova team did not disappoint, outscoring the opponent by a 3 to 1 margin. Goals were scored by Braxton, Chris and Ryan.

For the third game, Nova was up against Florida Rush 04, whose home base was right here in Orlando. Home advantage made no difference for the Florida Rush, as the Nova boys were once again in the driver's seat, having no trouble handling the team from Orlando. Joe and Dominic found the back of the net for PSG in the decisive 2-0 win.

As the drama of the tournament bracket unfolded, it became clear that the two teams from Michigan would be facing off for the number one championship spot in the Boy's Gold division. As we have seen so many times before, PSG Nova 05 Black would be facing off against their Crosstown rival, Michigan Burn. The stage was set for yet another showdown.

The first 30 minutes progressed without a score, but both teams had clear opportunities. As time passed in the second half, our Nova team began to wear down the Burn. Winning every 50/50 ball in the middle, crisp and creative passing, and blood & guts defense made the difference in the game. Jayden made some spectacular saves to keep the team alive, before Ryan (2), Braxton, and Dominic could find the back of the net. PSG outplayed, outscored, and out ran the Michigan Burn and claimed an uncontested championship victory. The coach of the Michigan Burn commented on the pure physical speed and endurance of our boys. He said it looked like our team could have played another game; my guess is they probably could have. Congratulations to the Nova 05 Black team. You earned this victory!