



Undeclared in 63 games, here is the soccer team that has set the bar higher in girls' soccer. In the back row, left to right, are Grant Purdy, the coach; Alanna Manning, Jade Northcut, Jenny Sneddon, Melanie Schouten, Claire Bar, Kerry Da Silva, Katherine Bulgaretti, Georgia Kastanis, Marissa Chee-A-Tow, and Robert Mangoni, coach. In the bottom row, left to right, are Selena Mangoni, Alex Curran, Taylor Thalheimer, Sierra Muschett, Mikalya Purdy, Martin Iamonaco, Alessia Mangoni, and Angelica Galluzzo.

This girls' soccer team unbeaten in 63 games

The 1998 Aurora Stingers Girls team have set the bar high for all other Aurora teams who follow.

The Aurora Youth Soccer Club's (AYSC) '98 were the first U-8 girl's team to represent Aurora at the rep level starting back in the fall of 2005.

When the team was first formed in the spring of 2006, they officially began play as U-8's.

Coach Grant Purdy had his plan.

"The program was designed to be high performance emphasizing technical development as its main focus and hopefully the girls would win a few games along the way," he predicted.

Well, win they did.

After four years in the York Region Soccer League the team played a total of 63 games and lost none.

Over the course of the four years the team compiled an incredible record of 57 wins while tying six games.

The record included a perfect season of 14-0-0 in 2008. Last season, their record was 15-0-1.

The team scored 390 goals while allowing 11 goals in league play over those four years.

"By the beginning of this year, (2009) we began to believe that the record was possible so it certainly was in the back of everyone's mind," the coach said. "We clinched the league title well before the season was over, so this kept the girls focused for their remaining games. I always tell the girls to strive for perfection in training and competing, knowing full well that is not unattainable. However, it is important to have that work ethic no matter what you are doing in life.

"Things like this don't happen by accident and a great deal of planning and support from the AYSC have made it possible," he said.

Coach Purdy continued with praise to the AYSC.

"I am delighted the Aurora girls were given the opportunity to enter the competitive level so early and that the program

has been clearly established, starting at the U-8 level for girls in Aurora," he said. "The '98 team has set an unbelievable record and girls deserve so much praise for their hard work and dedication and if you look at teams younger than us in the club they have done very well because they are getting that one extra year of elite training which can only improve their development."

"Coach Purdy has a wealth of experience working with youth in sports, designing and implementing the strategic plan from day 1," said AYSC Technical Director David Thorburn. "The girls, their parents, and the Club have certainly bought in. These girls are a talented group of kids and they practice hard and play hard but mostly they are just young girls having fun and enjoying the game. That

requires leadership and Coach Purdy has provided that."

The '98 girls' hard work and determination means they have been promoted to the CGSL L-3 where the competition level will increase.

They are now considered as one of the premiere teams in the province at this age-group.

Next year they will have

their first opportunity to compete in the Ontario Cup and just may be the first AYSC team to challenge for this elusive Ontario-wide title since the AYSC 1989 girls.

"The '98 girls have certainly set a record for others to strive for," the coach said. "However, while it is nice to have the record, it would be great if another team from Aurora could break it."



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EXTERNAL LEGAL FEES FOR 2007/08/09				
NATURE OF INTEREST	2007	2008	2009	FIRM
Legal opinon	\$0.00	\$19,384.47	\$0.00	Paterson McDougall LLP & Weir Foulds LLP
OMB appeal	\$48,132.01	\$104,560.38	\$8,504.55	Thomson Rogers & North South Environmental
Legal opinon	\$1,841.67	\$1,814.95	\$4,487.16	Weir Foulds LLP
Property matter	\$0.00	\$3,359.69	\$0.00	Weir Foulds LLP
Litigation matter	\$0.00	\$14,182.57	\$0.00	Aird & Berlis
Human Resources	\$20,504.05	\$45,691.14	\$22,601.91	Hicks Morley
General	\$0.00	\$20,462.78	\$8,336.93	Aird & Berlis
Legal opinon	\$0.00	\$52,510.21	\$0.00	Aird & Berlis
General	\$0.00	\$55,676.25	\$41,279.00	Virginia MacLean, Q.C.
Contract	\$38,585.73	\$4,371.11	\$0.00	Aird & Berlis
Legal opinon	\$0.00	\$13,511.68	\$5,978.97	Aird & Berlis
Litigation matter	\$0.00	\$6,403.97	\$6,748.99	Paterson McDougall LLP
Legal opinon	\$0.00	\$1,598.82	\$0.00	Weir Foulds LLP
Litigation matter	\$0.00	\$55,233.96	\$13,560.13	Weir Foulds LLP
Litigation matter	\$0.00	\$15,056.38	\$4,524.06	Paterson McDougall LLP
Litigation matter	\$9,406.44	\$0.00	\$522.00	Paterson McDougall LLP
Litigation matter	\$0.00	\$62,046.51	\$10,473.44	Gowling Lafleur Henderson
Legal opinon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,087.93	Aird & Berlis
Legal opinon	\$0.00	\$2,517.90	\$0.00	Aird & Berlis
Legal opinon	\$0.00	\$12,354.83	\$0.00	Aird & Berlis
Legal opinon	\$4,877.58	\$302.61	\$1,959.41	Graham Wilson Green, Pailaire Roland, Aird & Berlis
Legal opinon	\$0.00	\$4,614.49	\$2,622.36	Aird & Berlis
Legal opinon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,171.28	Aird & Berlis
\$123,347.48 \$495,654.70 \$134,858.12 ...TOTAL \$753,860.30				

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