

Great Carolina Shootout Tournament Finalists



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TFC Crush Girls pictured L to R, Front Row: Hayley Hillison, Davis Sutton, Elizabeth Key, Courtney Normand, Michaela Scannell. Back Row: Coach Mandi Loftis, Gabbie Loftis, Makenna Williams, Megan Crowley, Christina Whetzel, Coach Dan Hamilton

Playing in their first tournament, the U10 TFC Crush Girls out of Holly Springs traveled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to participate in the Great Carolina Shootout the weekend of October 13-14.

On the first day, TFC Crush came out strong against their first opponent and cruised past the Wake Forest Hearts to win 4-0 thanks to stingy defensive play from Elizabeth Key and Megan Crowley and strong offensive play from Courtney Normand, Michaela Scannell, Davis Sutton, Makenna Williams and Hayley Hillison. In their second game of the day, they met a very strong SCSA Liverpool team. They were only down 1-0 at the half but were eventually overpowered by the bigger team.

On the morning of the second day, TFC Crush faced a tough SAL Tsunamis team.

TFC Crush was up 3-1 at the half but the SAL Tsunamis fought back and the game ended in a 4-4 tie. With the game ending in a tie during regulation, they went to a shootout to determine the winner. After alternating through the first 5 players from each team, it was tied 1-1. Then TFC Crush's goalkeeper, Gabbie Loftis, blocked the shot from the Tsunamis and Christina Whetzel scored on a shot placed in the corner of the goal to win the game for

TFC Crush.

In their final game of the tournament, TFC Crush faced the Ocean Resorts team. After starting off slow, the game was tied 0-0 at the half. Not wanting to go to another shootout, TFC crush stepped up in the 2nd half to overpower Ocean Resorts and win 4-0 to end up in 2nd place in their division.

Congratulations to TFC Crush on a great tournament!

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