



## 2024 Kernersville Parks and Recreation Soccer Premier Division Post-Season Write-Up

Written by Brandon Bullins

**Kernersville, N.C.** – Kernersville Parks and Recreation opened its Premier Soccer division on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The Premier Division showcased 9 teams, all competing to claim the crown of Kernersville. The fall season offered close matchups all throughout its course. Games were hosted at 2 locations between Cash Elementary School and Ivey Redmon Sports Complex.

Much like a horse race, a few teams fired out of the gate collecting wins. Teams like Rio Grande and GSO United won a handful of wins in the front half of the season. Rio Grande, led by Sean Patterson, won 4 out of their first 5 games. They put up an astounding 9 goals on October 13<sup>th</sup> against Niupi FC. GSO United, captained by David Escobedo, had a lull halfway through the year, but found 3 wins early in the season, and 3 wins late in the season.

United was another team that started the season strong by tallying 2 wins in their first 3 games. Governed by Brian Collins, United was able to defeat Niupi FC on September 15<sup>th</sup> in a shootout, 7 to 6.

Niupi FC, administered by Carlos Leiva, finished the season strong by collecting 2 wins in their last 3 matchups. They matched Rio Grande's 9 goal game with one of their own in the last game of the season against AAR Roofing. AAR competed in all of their matchups, tying a game against Combate Barreirinha 5 to 5 on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Chaperoned by Erin Exline, AAR also managed a win against United.

Combate Barreirinha found themselves being the bell cow of the league, winning all but one game. Finishing in first place of the league, Combate, guided by Diego Santos, pitched a shutout against World Wide Borrachos, 5 to 0. While able to rival their opponents, World Wide Borrachos, overseen by Kevin Limon, didn't find the win column. However, they improved throughout the year and have potential for future success.

Two teams that fell just shy of first place include Joga Bonita and Ball of Duty. Joga Bonita, conducted by Junior Gripp, finished with 8 wins and 2 losses on the season. They tied Combate's 8 wins, but Combate tied one game, and lost one, giving them the slight advantage over Joga. This is not to discredit Joga though, as they won with several high scoring games. Ball of Duty, arranged by Michael Fishel, finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place on the season. They assembled 7 wins on the year, tying Rio Grande with a 7 – 3 record.

Kernersville Parks and Recreation will host a Spring Soccer season, scheduled to begin in March of 2025.

Click [here](#) to view scores from the 2024 Fall Soccer Premier Division Season.

Interested in playing? Click [here](#) to see updates from Kernersville Parks and Recreation!