

March 2026 Youth Athlete of the Month Travel Soccer

Athlete: Jenessi Fernandez

Coach: Bruce Konners

Jenessi Fernandez is a 14- year old student at Pembroke Pines Charter School and a participant in the Sunrise Girls Travel Soccer Program.

Comments from her Coach:

Jenessi Fernandez has shown incredible growth and heart for the game. She faces every challenge with determination and refuses to let obstacles stand in the way of her goals. Through her hard work and dedication, Jenessi has elevated her skills and consistently stepped up when the team needed her most. Her positive attitude never waivers, she brings energy, encouragement, and resilience to every practice and game. As a true team player, Jenessi supports her teammates, puts the team's success first, and leads by example both on and off the field.

Athlete: Lucas Quiroga

Coach: Bruce Konners

Lucas Quiroga is a 13- year-old student at Everest Charter School and a participant in the Sunrise Boys Travel Soccer Program.

Comments from his Coach:

Lucas embodies the true spirit of soccer, combining raw talent with a leadership style that elevates everyone around him. What sets him apart is his relentless pursuit of self-improvement. He is never satisfied with the status quo, often organizing extra practices on off days and encouraging his teammates to join him in honing their craft. His positive outlook is infectious; whether the team is up by three or trailing in the final minutes, Lucas remains a source of motivation, carrying the squad with grit and unwavering determination.

Beyond his skills on the pitch, Lucas demonstrates a level of maturity and respect that is rare for his age. He has a deep-rooted love for the game and a profound appreciation for his teammates and coaching staff. Even in the face of defeat, he gives 100%, proving that his character is just as strong as his athleticism.

He doesn't just play the game—he leads it.