



**The Florida Jr. Panthers Squirts Major
Win the Orlando Jr. Solar Bears Labor Day Tournament**
(September 4, 2001)

This was the second straight tournament win for the Squirts Major Team.

In their first game the Panthers came out shooting and defeated the Tampa Bay Stars 6-1. Six different Panthers scored. Jacksonville Storm was the second team to be defeated by the Panthers 16-0. Steven Gutowitz had a hat trick while Danny Derasmo, Jack Glenn, Doug Beck and Tyler Wynn each added two.

In what was the toughest and tightest game of the series the Panthers beat the Ellenton Eels 3-0 to send them to the finals. At the first intermission of the final game the Panthers found themselves in a scoreless tie with the host Orlando Jr. Solar Bears. During a span of four minutes during the second period the Panthers scored four goals and never looked back from there. The game ended 6-1 and the championship was theirs.

--Gail Schwartz