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Over 40 & Over 50 Winter Tournament Cup Series 2019-2020 Finale Recap

BSC-Latitude Peabody, MA (March 22, 2020) – After several competitive Round Robin games Sunday morning set up four exciting semi-final matchups creating thrilling finals that delivered championships to underdog teams in each division!!!

O40 Division teams:

1. **NS Select**- Taso Nikolakopoulo
2. **Burlington SC**- Craig Bowers
3. **United FC**- Doug Prouty
4. **Somerville Lions**- Tony Arias

O50 Division teams:

1. **NS Celtic**- Cain Newman
2. **Andover Masters**- Carl Grygiel
3. **Stoneham FC**- Gerry Panza
4. **True Soccer FC**- Johnny Garofalo

A few highlights from Sunday's semifinal matches...

O40 Semi 1: NS Select (1st pts) vs Burlington SC (4th pts)

NS Select advanced after beating Burlington SC, 8-7, in kicks from the mark. Burlington SC jumped out to an early lead with a goal from **Alex Carducci** in just the seventh minute of the game. After carrying the 1-0 lead to halftime, **Richie Garofalo** added

another goal to the scoreboard for Burlington SC just seven minutes into the second half. The two-goal lead was cut in half just seven minutes after **Dom Martignetti** answered for NS Select. Five minutes later, the equalizer was scored by NS Select's **Luigi Mirisola** and the game headed to overtime. Neither team was able to find the game-winning goal in overtime, sending it to kicks where NS Select prevailed and heads to the final

040 Semi 2: Somerville Lions (2nd pts) vs United FC (3rd pts)

United FC claimed a, 3-1, win against Somerville Lions in the 2nd semifinal match. **Sorin Balea Johnson** scored in the 14th minute to put United FC up by one goal. **Jeff Prouty** scored in the 25th minute to extend the United lead to two goals, while **O'Niel Gray** netted a score one minute later. The Somerville deficit was cut to two goals in the 58th minute with a goal from **Tony Arias**. United held on to the two-goal lead to advance and now has a chance to take down the reigning 3x Championship Series winners- NS Select

050 Semi 1: True Soccer FC (1st pts) vs Andover Masters (4th pts)

True Soccer FC fell behind early against Andover Masters after **Grant Gazelian** scored just 13 minutes into the game. **Boban Grubor** scored in the final minute of the first half for True Soccer to send the game to the half tied at one goal a side. Four minutes into the second half, **John Garofalo** put True Soccer ahead by one score. Garofalo tallied another goal in the 72nd minute to extend the True Soccer lead and capped off his hat trick in the 86th minute as True Soccer FC topped Andover Masters, 4-1, en route to the Championship match.

050 Semi 2: Stoneham FC (2nd pts) vs Celtic FC (3rd pts)

Celtic FC earned a hard-fought, 2-1, win against Stoneham FC in its semifinal match. **Joe Laurina** put Stoneham FC on the scoreboard just 10 minutes into the game. After holding on to the lead for the remainder of the first half, **Grant Scott** netted the equalizer for Celtic FC in the 56th minute and scored the eventual game winning goal just six minutes later to push Celtic through to their first finals this winter.

A few highlights from Sunday's FINAL matches...

040 Final: NS Select vs United FC

After both teams were unable to find a goal in the first half, both teams went off for three each in the second. United FC took a, 2-0, lead in the second half as **Daniel Werzanski** and **Scott Dismore** each scored. NS Select **Vlad Kravets** pulled one back for his team but **Joe Gilligan** brought United lead back to two just a couple of minutes later. NS Select fought back in the dying minutes of the game as **George Boukouvalas** notched a goal and then **Andy Henderson** added a goal in the final seconds to send the game to overtime. United outlasted NS Select, 4-2, from the spot to hand NS Select 1st final defeat and captured the True Soccer Winter Tournament Cup Series Finale!!!

O50 Final: True Soccer FC vs Celtic FC

The O50 final featured more twists, as Celtic FC earned a 4-2 victory. John Barrows put Celtic FC up in the 13th minute before **Mike Grubor** and **James Martinez** scored for True Soccer FC to put their side up, 2-1. **Doug Vigliotta** immediately responded to equalize for Celtic FC, and in a 66th-minute, **John Moorman**, put Celtic FC in front from a corner kick. Doug later added an insurance goal to seal the 4-2 win. Celtic FC are the second team today to record their first True Soccer Winter Tournament Cup Series victory and season Finale Championship!!!

Congratulations to Celtic FC & United FC and thank you to all the teams that participated in our tournaments this Winter!!!

John Garofalo

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*****Just to be clear, this is a fictional article for entertainment only! The scheduled tournament did not take place due to coronavirus restrictions on social gathering. I hope everyone is safe and enjoys reading it!!!**