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Indy Burn seeks title

One Indianapolis-area team has won a national championship in boys soccer. Could it be two? Pike's Indy Burn Premier Eagles will be one of four teams in this week's under-19 finals of the U.S. Youth Soccer tournament at Lancaster, Mass. No Indiana boys team had qualified for this national event in 21 years. Carmel United won the U.S. Soccer Development Academy 17-18 national title at Carson, Calif., last week.

Isang Jacob, recently hired as a Penn State assistant coach, has coached this Indy Burn team since 2002. He was U.S. Youth Soccer's boys competitive Coach of the Year in 2008. "I just think this is the time," he said.

The team is made up of former area high schoolers now playing college soccer. Pike High School graduate **Sean McGrath** of Notre Dame said in a news release that the team "had unfinished business" before winning last month's Region II title at Sioux Falls, S.D.

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