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## Indy Burn is honing focus for Midwest tournament

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Raymon Gaddis has won four Indiana Youth Soccer Association State Cup titles as a member of the Pike Township-based Indy Burn '90 Eagles soccer club, which has captured five straight state titles. All have been special for Gaddis, a junior at North Central High School. "Each one is different," Gaddis said. "Each time you play a championship game, the way you win it is different." Gaddis, coach Isang Jacob and the rest of the Eagles players hope for good results when the team competes in the U.S. Youth Soccer Midwest Region II tournament, which begins this weekend in Appleton, Wis. It is one of four regionals throughout the United States.

The Eagles have been to the regional the past four years and have yet to advance out of their bracket play. The team will face the Ohio South team at 8:30 a.m. Saturday and will face the state champion from South Dakota on Sunday and the Missouri state champion Monday. The top team from each bracket advances to the regional semifinal. The winning team from each regional will advance to the national championship tournament set for July.

Tyler Keever, a Cathedral junior and the Eagles' goalie, believes the team learned from its performance in last year's regional. "We went in there thinking we were probably the best team in our bracket and the other teams came out and played harder," said Keever, a Washington Township resident. "We learned from that. This year we have to play two of those same teams. We need to play our game and show who's the better team and come out strong from the start, which we didn't do last year." "The bottom line is, they're just good kids," Jacob said. "They're very hard-working and they believe in themselves and the team as a whole."

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