

Nations Cup: Sponsors stepping up

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“Because of their history, we were warned to have extra security for the game. But it went off without incident, apart from a red card during the game.

“Italy also fielded two former Whitecaps players in a game against India, the team I quite fancied to win the cup. Outside of that, the quality we had this year was a bit better than what we’d been used to.”

The *News* reported in May how the Nations Cup could be stolen away from Richmond unless it receives more corporate and city assistance to help the event grow.

Wilson told the *News* that, over the weekend, the City of Richmond’s staff had been excellent and many potential corporate sponsors had stepped forward to ask how they can help keep the Nations Cup in Richmond.



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Canada (left) takes on Ireland in the women’s final at the Nation’s Cup.

Soccer nationals hit town this week

The Canadian Soccer Association’s 2009 Boys BMO National All-Star Championships take place

in Richmond from July 21 to 26. The tournament is hosted by Richmond Youth Soccer Association

and BC Soccer at Minoru Park. For more information visit: www.richmondsoccer-events.com.