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Philafieldhockey's Winning Coach of the Week is Viper Coach, Erin Martire

Martire has had a busy winter already preparing both her U16 and U19 Viper teams for early qualifiers. The preparation surely paid off this past weekend at Viper Sports Club where both squads took home the gold in their respective divisions. Martire's U16 Red team compiled a stellar 4-0 record on their way to a medal, scoring 34 goals and allowing only 5. Later that evening, her U19 Red squad was off to a hot start with 3 straight shutouts to start their day. U19 Red wrapped up the gold with a 4-2 victory, the only two goals they would concede all day. They too compiled 34 goals over the course of 4 games.

Viper Director Conchi Mulvaney points out that Martire takes the time to plan out practices that will challenge the girls as well as keep them invested. She dedicates her time to finding drills that are game-like and situational so the girls will be prepared for challenges in matches. And, Martire has amazing relationships with her players and they dedicate themselves to the game because of her.

Aside from coaching with the Viper Sports Club, Martire is the director of child care at the Audubon YMCA and constantly fundraisers on her own time to help the youth in the area be able to receive child care and attend summer camp. Whether it's the YMCA or Vipers hockey, you can count on 100% dedication from Martire.

photo: Martire (left) with some of her Viper players

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