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SPRING SEASON!!

EVERYONE IS OFF TO A GREAT START!

Many, but not all, of our teams have begun their spring game season. Everyone is working hard and we are starting to see some terrific results. To date, here's where we stand:

U9: we don't keep track of scores at this level, but the teams are doing very well!

U10: league games begin in May

U11: 0-2-0

U12: league games begin in May

U13/14G: 3-3-0

U13/14B: league games begin in May

HSB Blue: 0-4-0

HSB White: 2-1-1

Next home game for the league is HSB Blue on Wednesday, April 27 at 6 p.m. Come out and support your fellow club players!

Please keep checking the website for scores, team news and information as the season progresses. Players, if you cannot be at any game, for any reason, please let your manager or coach know as early as possible.

PRACTICE T-SHIRTS

We still have CFC white practice t-shirts for \$5 each, or three for \$12. Get them through the rest of this month. **Remember players, wear your practice shirts to practice and show the rest of Charleston WHO YOU ARE!**

NEW JERSEYS AND COOL GEAR BAGS FOR FALL 2011

Our High School boys teams will be showcasing CFC's new jersey kit and team bags this spring. All teams will move to these new kits in the fall and the kits will have a three-year life, which means, the club will not need to buy new kits until Spring 2014.



CFC NEWS FROM THE BOARD

To all club players and parents,

After a lengthy process of converting our bank accounts over to the city, we are reviewing league participant balances.

If you have not paid your child's balance in full, please check your e-mail for updates and information regarding your remaining balances.

As we move toward the 2011-2012 season, we will offer online registration and payment options for all Club players.

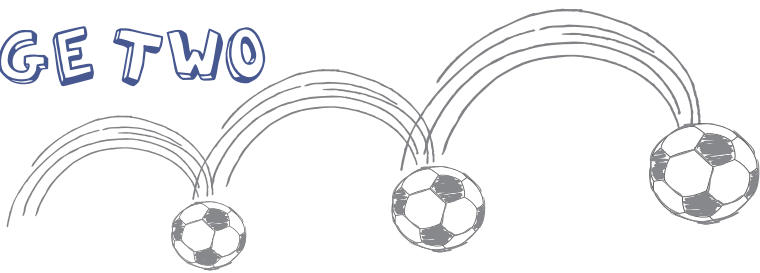
Keep an eye out and if you have questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Send us an e-mail at:

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Best,
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PARENT/PLAYER CORNER

'Good players always want the ball,' says Dallas Texans' Hassan Nazari (excerpt)

Interview by Mike Voitalla (Soccer America's *Youth Soccer Insider*)

Hassan Nazari, who played for Iran in the 1978 World Cup and 1976 Olympics, founded the Dallas Texans in 1993 after coaching youth ball in the highly competitive Metroplex for eight years. The Dallas Texans have long been ranked among the top clubs in the nation for sending players to the college, pro and national team level, and for their success at national competitions. The club, which has affiliates throughout Texas, in Oklahoma, Florida, Canada and Ghana, has its own field complex and indoor facility in North Texas, where it's launching a residency program. Nazari spoke to us for the *Youth Soccer Insider's* ongoing interview series with leaders of U.S. youth clubs.

SOCCER AMERICA: How does your club select players for the top teams?

HASSAN NAZARI: It is always easy for a coach to say who is good. It's a little more challenging for a coach to say who is going to be good.

Obviously, when the players come to our club at 7 and 8 years old, we believe in our coaches, who can recognize talent.

It's so many different things. The decision-making, intelligence, quickness, how comfortable they are with the ball. And a standout can do one or two things extremely well.

Also, do they want the ball? The good players always want the ball.

SA: What role do tryouts play?

HASSAN NAZARI: The world is so small now. We compete with so many teams, there are lots of games going on around us. So when the players come to our tryouts, they're usually not unknown to us.

It's extremely rare to come across players at a tryout whom you haven't seen before.

SA: How do you judge the coaches at the younger ages, when results are not the best indication of how they're developing talent?

HASSAN NAZARI: When we hire a coach, we look at the team when he takes the first step.

Throughout the year or season we watch that team. And we always compare that team, individually and as a group, to where it was from the first day that that coach took charge.

We look closely at the team on first day, then in the middle of the season, and at the end. Are the players individually improved? Are they playing better as a team? This is how we judge that coach.

Now, whatever anybody says, at the end of the day, success in the sport is about winning trophies as well developing players. It comes together.

You cannot say, this coach is not winning, so he's developing players. Or this coach is winning, so he's not developing players.

At one point, it comes together and we expect that at the higher age groups.

SA: Is there a specific age when you start giving more importance to the results?

HASSAN NAZARI: We are looking at two things from the older age groups. One, how many of our players break into the professional level. How many players get to college and play. How many realize their dream of getting a college scholarship. And all of that.

Two, how successful we are when we go to certain tournaments and compete with the rest of the country.

We have about 15 players playing professionally in MLS and Europe.

[Editor's note: Dallas Texans alumni Clint Dempsey and Ramon Nunez played for the USA and Honduras, respectively, at the 2010 World Cup. The Los Angeles Galaxy's Omar Gonzalez was MLS 2009 Rookie of the Year. Alejandro Moreno has won MLS titles with Los Angeles, Houston and Columbus.]

SA: Do you think youth soccer has improved significantly in the last couple of decades since you've been so heavily involved?

HASSAN NAZARI: This is a great question and a loaded question as well.

If you look at the society, every aspect has improved since 20 years ago – science, fashion, medicine, technology, and obviously soccer.

We have to ask the question, Have we improved enough? Could we have been a little further along?

Yes. There a lot resources in this country to give our kids more advantages than everybody else.

(To read the entire article visit: www.socceramerica.com/article/41586/good-players-always-want-the-ball-says-dallas-t.html)

Hassan Nazari is the founder and director of the Dallas Texans. His career with the Iranian national team, for which he started all three games at the 1978 World Cup, ended with the 1979 Islamic revolution. He continued playing for clubs in the United Arab Emirates and Qatar before moving to Dallas, where he played for the USL's Dallas Americans and started his youth coaching career.)

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