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CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

We had a terrific couple of tryout days this past November for the High School Boys teams. The following players will join the league in two teams:

CFC Blue:

Eric McCausland	Thorin Blitz	Will Hopkins	Austen Majors
Matt Janosik	Ben Hoover	Forrest Pommier	Josef Kash
Joe Hake	Elliott Griffin	Brendan McEachern	Nathan Kash
Jeff Grimes	Taylor Garrett	Ryan Crow	
Dalton Runyon	Tony Zendelli	Daniel Littlejohn	

CFC White:

Cass Gardner	Isaac Dallas	Jay Daniels	Frank Lanham
Adam Barker	Dillon McClelland	Kirk Salinas	Trevyn Wambach
Austin Shelby	Vincent Hoover	Cody Huckstep	
Ben Oakley	Evan Bower	Fian Mott	

STAY TUNED FOR SPRING GAME SCHEDULES

The Central Illinois Youth Soccer League (CIYSL) is the organization in charge of creating game schedules for all of the leagues within its jurisdiction. With more than 70 teams from at least 12 leagues, the task is a daunting one. Once our DOC receives the final schedule from the league, he will contact managers to get those to each of you. We hope to see final schedules by the end of February. Once posted, you can find those schedules, and directions to field locations, on their website:

www.ciysl.com. We will also have links to schedules on our own website.

IYSA COACHING REQUIREMENTS

The Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) requires all teams be coached by licensed coaches. We have been working with our IYSA affiliate, CIYSL, to make sure our coaches and interested parent assistant coaches are compliant. As a courtesy, CIYSL is offering to pay \$40 of the \$85 fee for participants from CFC. To be compliant, IYSA offers a 4.5-hour youth modules for the U8/U10 age group. Modules for Spring 2011 will be held Sunday, March 13 in Peoria, or Sunday, March 27, in Decatur. (Time and place for both TBA.) Additional information on coaching modules and additional coaching license opportunities can be found on the IYSA website:

www.illinoisyouthsoccer.org/Coaches/coaching.htm.

Coach Hansen would like to make sure at least one parent from each team receive training. If you are interested, please contact him at DOC@charlestonsoccer.org.

OUTDOOR PRACTICES TO RESUME NEXT MONTH

It's hard to believe with all the ice and snow everywhere, but teams will begin outdoor practices in almost six weeks. Stay tuned to e-mails from the DOC or from your team managers for schedules, dates and times.

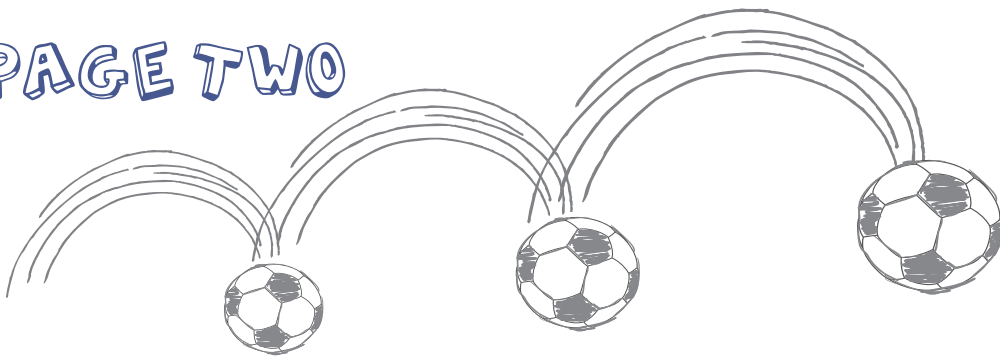
CFC ACCOLADES

TWO MORE COMPETE FOR ILLINOIS ODP STATE TEAM

High school players Matt Janosik and Jeff Grimes have begun recently training with the Illinois Olympic Development Program. During the last weekend in January, the two traveled to Schaumburg to compete with other Illinois ODP pool players in the annual interregional competition.

If selected to the ODP pool, Matt and Jeff will join Gabe Kash to make three CFC players to join ODP this year.





DOC CORNER

Having spent a great deal of my life in youth soccer – in state, regional and national levels – I have watched player development begin to take a backseat to team performance. It seems that the fervor to create a successful team has become more important for coaches than allowing players to improve within a team environment. We are producing teams full of role players who can perform efficiently within their present team structure, but are “fish out of water” or, worse still, production line players, who lack creativity and flair outside of that environment.

Why are we more concerned with team performance than player development? The American culture as a whole is one that thrives on winning; anything less is unacceptable. Therefore, if your team does not win the majority of its games, it is deemed a failure in the eyes of the world. The answer is neither easy nor very palatable as it involves communication, education and sacrifice.

Communication is vital in the process of educating players and parents. In the past, we as an organization have always had the best interest of the players at heart, but we have not always communicated those thoughts to all of you. We hope, in time, to bridge the gap and help everyone understand further the reasons behind certain decisions made by the club, the Director of Coaching and the coaching staff.

Developing a complete player is not unlike child development. Each step is a building block to the next level of understanding and maturity. We, as a coaching staff, must develop a strong technical foundation so players are capable to move on to more advanced aspects of the game such as tactical awareness – both on the attacking and defensive side of the ball. You can think of it as similar to learning to ride a bicycle or getting behind the wheel of a car. Kids must learn

concepts and master an understanding before they can truly be efficient at balancing on two wheels or driving a car.

As a club we have made progress in recent years by building a better foundation for our players through the creation of the Pre-Academy for children ages 4-8; and subsequently through the emergence of the Academy for players U9 and younger. We will continue to work closely with these programs to develop our youngest players, knowing these steps will provide great returns later on down the road.

Players, this is for you. You must feel comfortable going to your coach to ask questions. Coaches are not mind readers and may not know what you are thinking unless you talk with them. If you do not understand something, say so. If you do not know what you should do in a certain situation, ask.

Parents, I encourage open communication. If you have questions, concerns, or just at thought you wish to share, I hope you do so – with your player’s coach, with me and with board members you see. Please understand, however, that there is a time and place for discussions. Specifically, during practice, we as coaches come out to practices to work with your children. This is not the time to engage the coach in a long conversation because his or her attention should be on the players and their development from start to end. If you need to have a conversation, please talk with your parent manager and your coach to establish a time that will work for everyone.

Last, it has been my privilege to have worked with this club, in some capacity, for almost six years. Now, as Director of Coaching, I am able to further help the league develop into a youth sports organization who truly understands development of the player as a whole. To me, that’s really what defines a program as excellent, and I believe CFC is on the road to excellence.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

For more than 30 years, the Charleston Soccer League has been instrumental in developing soccer programs for area youth. During that time, the league has operated independently from the City of Charleston. Even the league’s recreational division has operated independent of City support and is the last of the area youth sports programs to operate as such.

Beginning this spring, the league will join with the City of Charleston and become a program of the City Parks and Recreation department. We will still maintain our board of directors, still be able to offer the programs we do and we will still be able to support the high school as we have. What does change is that we will have the added support of the City when it comes to writing improvement grants, developing online registration for our programs and sending the word out about upcoming programs and events.

The move, we believe, is one that will further strengthen us as a league. If you have questions regarding our partnership, please send them to charlestonsoccer@gmail.com.

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