

Coach Brian's Soccer Musings 4-21-09

Parents and Players,

Here we are again, springing ahead into our outdoor season. This month I would like to highlight some of the activities going on inside the U10 and U11 age groups.

I am writing fresh off of returning from an overnight tournament in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This tournament was attended by 4 teams inside my age group, all of which were participating in their first ever away tournament. The teams were 10 navy girls, 10 telstar boys, 11 white boys and 11 white girls. Overall an excellent weekend was had by all with huge success on the fields for these teams. Both the U10 telstar boys and the U10 navy girls went undefeated at the tournament showcasing in each game the quality of their team and the club. Both teams seemed to attract a crowd and compliments from the sidelines as they played. A well earned championship for both teams. The U11 boys went 2 wins and 1 loss, just narrowly missing out on the semi-finals. The U11 girls won their group play and went on to the semi-finals, losing to the eventual champions from Iowa City. Beyond the excellent play on the field by all the teams, there were some great times had off of the field. Everyone got in some laughs swimming in the pool at the hotels, enjoying meals together and really having some important team bonding time. I expect an event like this will catapult these teams into their spring league play.

I also would like to let everyone know about our new U11 silver boys team. This is a really great group of kids who have come to us from the South Elgin Tornadoes club. With them joining our club they bring a great deal of talent and depth to our already strong U11 boys age group. They will be playing in the Under 11 Platinum One Division. Already in the first weekend with the club they made the final of the Puma Champions Cup in Rockford, winning 4 games and losing in the final in pretty tough, rainy and muddy conditions. Congrats to them and welcome to Campton United!

We also welcome a new coach into the U10 and U11 age group. Chris Brisson joins us to coach the U11 silver boys and the U10 roteiro boys. Coach Chris spends his daytime hours as a professional soccer player for the Chicago Storm indoor team. He originally comes from Hugo, Minnesota and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. For the past few years Chris has coached with the South Elgin Tornadoes, West Chicago Wildcats and with the Chicago Storm in their summer camps.

Lastly, the U10 girls teams, both navy and white, got together over the break and went out to Laser Quest for a heated game of laser tag and some pizza. I can tell you this was one of the best times I have had off of the soccer field in quite some time. I think both myself and Coach Kevin are still trying to recover from being chased around the place by packs of U10 girls! Definitely something that won't be forgotten anytime soon! Check out the pictures below from the event. Next time I will be aiming not to take 2nd place – I was narrowly beaten by Tori Schumann, who I will be looking for next time we go :)

In the coming months we all will be getting into our league play and also a few other upcoming tournaments. I look forward to seeing you all out on the fields.

Bring on the sunshine!

Coach Brian

U10 girls Laser Tag Pictures 4-10-09

