



The Final Third

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Fall Season

The fall season has started with Springfield S.C. off to a fast start. Many of our teams are competing in the local Lake Country Fall league. While our older girls and boys team are competing in the Heartland Soccer League played at the new Overland Park Complex. The teams that are participating in the Heartland League are the 13, 14I, and 14II boys as well as the 13, 14, 15I, 15II, and 16 girls. All of these teams face tough competition from several states. One of the main reasons teams travel to participate in this league is for the competition. We see teams from Wichita, Omaha, Des Moines, Columbia, and of course the KC metro area. Many State and Regional Champions take part in the league. It is one of the springboards for our teams to be highly competitive at the best tournaments later in their careers.

At u12 and below, the teams compete in the local LCS league. We want to make sure that all of our teams face the competition they need in order to develop and become the high end players/teams that they want as they get older. Many teams play up in an age division (or girls playing in boys divisions) in order to find competitive games. Remember, winning at these ages does not guarantee winning at older ages. We've found that our players develop the skills and mentality that is necessary to be competitive in High School, College, and beyond by playing against competition that is challenging.

Several teams have already begun their tournament play as well. Tournaments are exciting as it gives you the chance to see new teams and/or new places. Good luck to all teams in their league and tournament play!

If you get to the fields early or stay late after your game, go out and support the teams of Springfield S.C.



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Off the Field

This year we are starting a new segment of the newsletter where we will feature achievements by SSC players in events other than soccer. We'll call it:

OFF THE FIELD

If you have something you would like to share with the club, please email as much information as you can to springfieldsc@gmail.com in the subject field, please put: off the field
Thanks for the info, congrats to all the kids, and enjoy reading about each other!!



In the first installment of "Off the Field", we are going to open the doors to the Triathlon! For those that don't know, a triathlon is an event where contestants swim, bike, and run over a predetermined distance. It can be a grueling event. This summer, the Nixa Youth Triathlon saw several SSC players take part, and place well!

Boys 11-12 (Long Course)

Dalton Edwards **0:35:40** 1st 11-12 Boys
Parker Bailey **0:41:17**

Boys 9-10 (Short Course)

Cole Eise **0:19:18** 1st 9-10 Boys
Zane Edwards **0:20:37**
Cole Oedewaldt **0:26:34**

Boys 7-8 (Short Course)

Mitch Eise **0:19:57** 1st 7-8 Boys

Great job to everyone that competed in the Nixa Youth Triathlon. Several of kids went on to compete in other triathlons throughout the summer and picked up more 1st places. Again, congratulations!!

SSC Indoor Facility Advertising Opportunities

When the SSC Indoor Facility opened in the fall of 2008 it was not only a tremendous opportunity for the players and teams of the club, it also provided businesses with an avenue to advertise and show support for the Springfield Soccer Club. Immediately there was a show of support for the Springfield Soccer Club and advertisers/supporters were able to advertise to over 400 soccer-playing families. That number has grown to more than 500 families!

The facility has also been host to a Summer 3 v 3 League, Camps, Clinics, Birthday Parties, Integrity Athletic Advancement and Physical Therapy, SSC Indoor InnerLeague as well as practices. IT IS EXPECTED THAT FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS THERE WILL BE MAJOR ACTIVITIES IN THE FACILITY FOR 10 OF THEM! This includes the SSC 24 Hour Marathon Game where there will be local media coverage once again to cover this wonderful event.

There are advertising packages for all types of businesses. All advertisements are for 12 months.

Wall Sign \$175.00 Dasher Board \$500.00 Arena Banner \$750.00

For more information please contact Eric Sorlie, Director of Soccer Operations at 417-832-1552 or sorlie@springfieldsportsclub.com. If you know of a business that could benefit from advertising in the SSC Indoor Facility-LET THEM KNOW!

HEY, Look Here!!

Springfield Soccer Club plays against the best at SLSG Friendlies

Over the Labor Day weekend, 3 teams traveled up to St. Louis to participate in the SLSG Friendlies. This tournament has developed into one of the top competitions in the Midwest Region. "To be able to get this quality of competition this early in the season is a great learning experience. It really gives our kids the chance to compare themselves to the best right out of the gate," said Eric Sorlie, Director of Soccer Operations.

All 3 teams played 4 games over 2 days. The u15 I girls got the chance to play 3 different SLSG teams and the River City Flames (#5 in Kansas). The girls really put forth a good effort and the results showed. They ended the weekend undefeated with 3 wins and 1 tie. They beat a team that was a State Cup semi-finalist (SLSG Green #3 in MO) from the previous year.

The 14 I boys played against the Missouri State Champions and Regional semi-finalist SLSG Elite. They also played against NASA that is currently ranked #4 in Georgia. Both games were played very close and competitive, but the boys ended on the wrong side of both results. They defeated Lindenhurst Area United (Chicago, IL), and tied SLSG premier navy. It was a great learning experience for the boys.

The 13 boys saw a rougher time on the weekend. they played some tough competition in SLSG Premier Green (#3 in MO), Kutis Academy Gold (MO), Brentwood Boys Elite and Midsouth Futbol (both in the top 15 in Tennessee). All four games were hard fought and the boys made some strong improvements from game 1 to game 4. They've turned that experience into a 4-0 start in their KC league.

A big thank you goes out to the players, parents, and coaches for traveling up to St. Louis, and taking on the task of competing in such a wonderful tournament. You all represented the Springfield Soccer Club very well!

Springfield Soccer Club win NWAL Clorox Cup



U12 Red girls



U14 girls

The Springfield SC took 6 teams down to Bentonville, AR to participate in the NWAL Clorox Cup. The fields were in great shape and the weather was sunny and hot. It was a great weekend to play soccer!

We had 2 Champions and a semi-finalist in the tournament. The u12 Red Girls, and u14 Girls both brought home the Championship trophies while the u15II Girls showed well by winning their bracket and advancing to the semi-finals. The u12 Red Girls went undefeated in their 3 games to bring home the top spot. However, the final game was a little touch and go for a while. After a hard fought scoreless first half, the home team came out and put 2 in the net to take the lead. Not to be outdone, the girls fought back very hard and scored 3 unanswered goals late in the game to finish on top. "It was an excellent demonstration of the fight and spirit of the girls to come from behind. It would have been very easy to just finish the game out at 2-0, but the girls didn't do that. They showed their character to be the best," commented Bryan Murray, head coach.

The u14 Girls also went undefeated in their games. The final saw them get matched with a team out of Oklahoma. The girls went up 1-0 but found the game tied at 1-1 a little later. With overtime looming, they stepped forward and scored a 2nd goal to insure the championship was theirs. The girls went 4-0-0 and only gave up 2 goals all weekend. "it's one thing to win a tournament, it's another thing to go undefeated, but it's another statement to only give up 2 goals. The girls have worked hard in training and I'm happy to see them get their reward," said Carl Rose, head coach.

The u15 II Girls weekend ended in the semi-final round after winning their group. The u11 Girls, u11 Black Boys, and u14 II Boys also took part in the tournament and gained some very valuable learning experiences. All of the teams represented SSC very well!!

October Collegiate games:



Games are at Plaster Stadium on MSU Campus

Fri, Oct 1: MSU Lady Bears vs. IN State @ 7:00pm
Sun, Oct 3: MSU Lady Bears vs. SIUE @ 1:00pm
Sat, Oct 16: MSU Bears vs. Drake @ 7:00pm
Wed, Oct 20: MSU Bears vs. Evansville @ 7:00pm
Fri, Oct 22: MSU Lady Bears vs. Creighton @ 7:00pm
Tue, Oct 26: MSU Bears vs. Memphis @ 7:00pm
Thu, Oct 28: MSU Lady Bears vs. Evansville @ 7:00pm
Sat, Oct 30: MSU Bears vs. Bradley @ 7:00pm

Games are at Harrison Stadium next to DU Campus

Fri, Oct 8: DU Lady Panthers vs. Bellarmine @ 5:00pm
Fri, Oct 8: DU Panthers vs. Bellarmine @ 7:30pm
Sun, Oct 10: DU Panthers vs. KY Wesleyan @ Noon
Sun, Oct 10: DU Lady Panthers vs. KY Wesleyan @ 2:30pm
Fri, Oct 22: DU Lady Panthers vs. WI Parkside @ 5:00pm
Fri, Oct 22: DU Panthers vs. WI Parkside @ 7:30pm
Sun, Oct 24: DU Panthers vs. St. Joseph's @ Noon
Sun, Oct 24: DU Lady Panthers vs. St. Joseph's @ 2:30pm



Q & A with SSC Alumni:

In this newsletter edition we catch up with Devon Newport a sophomore midfielder/forward at Saint Louis University. Devon gives some advice in regards to the college soccer environment and what to be prepared for with playing college soccer. Newport was a member of the SSC 91/92 team that won back to back MYSA State Cup Championships in 2007 and 2008. Currently Devon and SLU are preparing for upcoming Atlantic 10 conference play where SLU is looking to build a resume to return to the NCAA Tournament, as they did in 2009 by winning the conference tournament title. Keep up the good work Devon!!!

What was the biggest transition to college (not soccer wise)?

The biggest transition to college for me besides soccer was managing my time efficiently, and having to put in more time for studies.

What is the biggest difference between youth soccer and college soccer?

The biggest difference for me was the pressure that you are faced with in training and games day in and day out. Expectations are high, so you have to be confident and focused.

What is a typical week like in season?

For us in season we will train every day before class leading up to the game, and for home games we will train lightly on a game day as well. Then train the following morning and have the next day off. Currently we have tuesday's off for a study hall.

Applying what you know now about college soccer is there anything you would have changed or focused more on during your youth soccer career?

I don't necessarily think I would have changed anything; just one big thing in college is that you need to always be confident in your game. You will have some tough moments so to stay confident in your self is key.

Best player/team you have gone against at college level?

Akron my freshmen year (National Runner-up).

How did SSC prepare you for college (on/off the field)?

I feel that SSC prepared me well. SSC made me work hard for myself and for my team mates. And hard work will get you far, both on and off the field.

Any advice for those starting the recruiting process and those who will begin college in the fall of 2011?

Just try to get your name out there, and contact multiple colleges and try to get a couple different perspectives and looks at different colleges. Even if you don't want to go to a certain college and they contact you, be nice to them and don't ignore them. Respectfully tell them that you are not interested because they may be in contact with a college that you want to go to and may give them a report about you to the other coaches.

Juggling Crew Updates

We are very proud of the juggling crew and it's been exciting to see players improve over the past year.

As a reminder of the achievements we recognize we have the 50 Club, the 100 Club, the 250 Club, the 500 Club, and the 100+ Club. Each player receives a t-shirt for the 100, 250, and 500 Club. The 50 Club gets mentioned in the newsletter and the 1000+ Club receives a plaque. Here are the **recent achievements** to each juggling club **since the beginning of the season** and the team they play on. Congrats to each and every player!!

50 Club

Keaton Amstutz

100 Club

Fetle Blicht
Mikal Warner
Zach Peters

250 Club

500 Club
Josh Ellerbee

1000+ Club

Don't forget to witness your son or daughter juggling and then report it directly to Bryan Murray (bryan.murray01@gmail.com)

Continue to visit the Springfield Soccer Club web site for Club updates at:

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