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### **LOOKING GOOD**

Now the spring season has drawn to a close, I am pleased to report that the Weston Soccer Club has never been better. Thanks to the hard work of our girls and boys, and the dedication of our coaching partners -- Soccer Edge (Kevin Fitzsimmons) and Olé (Gustavo Reaes) -- our end-of-season results are impressive, our registration numbers are steadily increasing, our summer programs are expanding...and all the stars are aligned for a fantastic fall.

This purpose of this bulletin is to bring you up to date on all the essentials, including results, programs, summer camps and schedules. If you have any further questions about the Weston Soccer Club or about your daughter's/son's participation please contact me at [cgmyers03@aol.com](mailto:cgmyers03@aol.com)

*Chris Myers*  
President, WSC

## **SPRING 2014 SEASON RESULTS**

It wasn't that long ago that our team's division placements and results were always tempered with "not bad for a small town." But no longer. Due in large part to our decision to adopt an Academy system (methodical curriculum, balanced teams up to U11) we are now fielding robust rosters at every age group and results that are the envy of our larger neighbors.

This spring we fielded four teams in the A Division: U11 Girls (our first Junior Academy team in 2011), U12 Boys (our first U9 Academy team in 2010) and the U13 Boys and Girls (our first U10 Academy teams in 2010).

Both the U14 Girls and Boys finished near the top of the B Division. The U12 Girls finished in first place in the B2 Division and our U11 Girls and Boys are top of the C Division.

Nobody is talking about the size of Weston now!

## **PLAYERS OF THE FUTURE**

As you know, we don't keep score or have a league standing in our Junior Academy and Academy programs (U8-U10). The only focus at this age group is individual player development. But with registration numbers at an all time high, we want to give a special mention to the children involved in these programs. The curriculum and professional coaching they are receiving will serve them well as they develop physically and mentally. If past years are anything to go by, these younger players will dominate in the travel program.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO WSC ALUMNI**

Talking of success, the WSC would like to congratulate two WSC alumni for being accepted into the soccer program at two excellent D1 universities. Cameron Riach has been accepted into Yale and Simeon Okoro into the University of Virginia. Weston High School Seniors next fall, both players were in the Weston travel program through U12. Simeon continues to participate at times through the Weston Adult Soccer League.

## **SUMMER 2014 SOCCER CAMPS & CLINICS**

The Weston Soccer Club would like to make our members aware of the following soccer opportunities. Please note: these camps are not sponsored by the Weston Soccer Club, Inc. For more details, contact the organizers directly.

### **SOCCER EDGE**

Contact: Coach Kevin Fitzsimmons at [fitzyefc@hotmail.com](mailto:fitzyefc@hotmail.com) or register at [www.soccer-edge.com](http://www.soccer-edge.com)

#### **2 MOREHOUSE CAMPS**

June 23-27

August 11-15

9 AM – 11 AM (3-5 year olds)

Cost: \$125

9 AM – 1 PM (6-14 year olds)

Cost: \$225

#### **COACH KEVIN'S SLEEP-AWAY CAMP**

The Winchendon School, MA

July 13 - 18

Ages 8 to 14

Cost: \$950 per camper; siblings: \$850

Activities: Daily professional soccer coaching 4-6 hours a day, Futsal, foot volley, hiking, team building, water activities (lake and rafting), talent show, ice-cream social, movie night, dance night.

#### **FUNTENI PROGRAM**

Morehouse Farm Park

July 22-August 14

This highly flexible program, aimed at boys and girls aged 7 to 14, offers two practices per week up at Morehouse from 4-5.30 PM. You can sign up for all eight practices or just six. In case you're wondering "Fonteni" means "summer" in the local language of Mali (ask Coach Abba).

## **OLÉ**

Contact: olesoccernews@gmail.com or call 203-873-0309.

### **OLÉ ELITES**

Ole Arena: 4030 Park Avenue, Bridgeport

U9 to High School

2 Practices a week for 9 weeks with two tournaments

Cost \$545

### **2 RESIDENTIAL CAMPS**

Winchendon, MA

1) U11 to U14 Boys and Girls

July 27 - August 1

Cost: \$650

2) High School - College

August 3 - August 8

Cost: \$650

### **SUMMER DAY CAMPS**

Ole Arena: 4030 Park Avenue, Bridgeport

Half Day (9 AM – 12 PM)

Cost: \$145

Full Day (9 AM – 3 PM)

Cost: \$195

## **WEDNESDAY PICK-UP GAME**

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Grades 4 through 6

Wednesday evenings

Admin field from 6-7:30 PM

June 25 through August 20

Volunteer organizer: Ken Gelman

All players (boys and girls) about to enter Grades 4 through 6 are welcome to play in this fun-first, parent-led pick-up game. Registration is required for safety and admin

purposes. The \$10 registration fee (for the entire summer) will go toward administrative costs of the club. Click on Register Online at [www.westonsoccer.com](http://www.westonsoccer.com) to register.

## **SELECT TEAMS**

### **Girls and Boys U9-U10**

As the standard of soccer has increased over recent years, so has the demand. Our Select Program, now in its third year, is designed to "feed" our best U9 and U10 players with an extra practice day (ages combined, sexes separate).

This spring, both Girls and Boys teams played in the LaGrange cup, a NY Tournament in LaGrangeville, on June 14 at the U10 age group. All in all, it was a huge success. The Select Girls left with 1 win, 2 ties, and 1 loss. The Select Boys left with 2 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss.

## **EXPANDING THE ELITE PROGRAM**

### **Boys U12-U14**

This spring, Kevin Fitzsimmons (Soccer Edge) began a Boys Elite Program, aimed at promoting the skills of the 16 top players in the three years leading up to High School. Selection is made by the coaching staff.

The first Elite Team was made up of four U12 players, five U13 players and eight U14 players. They practiced together once a week and played in a nationally ranked college showcase tournament in Needham MA at the U14 level. The Weston Elite team did a fantastic job as they competed against three nationally ranked premier teams from outside our state and left with a 1-0-2 record, an impressive feat especially given the age disparity (up to three years) for our youngest players.

**NEXT FALL:** Building on that success, Kevin is now expanding the program. Next fall there will be a two-day tryout process, which will take place the first week of the fall season. The selected players will practice twice per week (Mondays and Thursdays) and attend an end of season tournament in Virginia during November.

## **GIRLS SHOOTING CLINIC**

In the fall, Gustavo will be offering a weekly "shooting clinic" for his Girls teams. Details to be announced shortly.

## **FALL 2014 SEASON SCHEDULE**

- Pre-season for Academy and travel teams (U9 through U14) will start the week of August 25
- Regular practices for Academy and travel teams will begin the week of September 1
- Junior Academy – Tuesdays and Fridays
  - Academy Teams will practice – Monday and Thursdays
  - Select Teams will practice - Tuesdays
  - U11 Teams will practice – Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays
  - U12-U14 Teams will practice – Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays
  - Boys Elite Team will practice – Mondays & Thursdays
- Recreation programs from Tots through Kindergarten will kick off on Saturday September 6 and our First Grade Junior Academy players will have their first practice on Tuesday September 2.

## **STRONG FALL 2014 REGISTRATION NUMBERS**

The numbers are in.

Since we live in a relatively small town, enrollment numbers are always a concern. So we're very happy to report robust numbers for the coming fall season. Coupled with some impressive results on the field, we see this uptick in numbers as a clear validation of the program.

We currently have 75 players registered for Boys U11-U14 Travel and 76 players registered for Girls U11-U14 Travel. Our Academy Teams (U9/U10) have 37 boys registered and 37 girls registered. Registration is still open for our Rec players.