It seems that spring has finally arrived and our season is getting into full swing across Travel, TDA, and Skills. That said, we wanted to discuss our player development plans.

One of the exciting benefits of our new Player Development Model is the ability for our trainers to work collectively and provide advanced training opportunities to our players across teams and age groups. The key is to provide players an opportunity to develop and refine their skills and abilities with players of similar talent. For example, our trainers may invite a few qualified players from other teams to participate in their practice sessions. This allows our players a unique learning experience that might not otherwise be available within their own team. The trainers identify players for these opportunities based on each player's technical and tactical abilities as well as their practice focus and effort. Please also note that we may invite guest players to participate in these training sessions as well, in the hopes of attracting more players and teams to WWPSA.

Tryouts are scheduled for the end of April. We would like to remind our players that our trainers assess players in practices and games year-round and that their effort and improvement through the year are important factors leading up to the tryouts. Leveraging these assessments provides a more accurate and equitable player evaluation.

WWPSA Barcelona commences EDP season

Our U15 Boys Barcelona team has launched its spring campaign in the prestigious Eastern Development Program (EDP). This league that accepts only highly qualified teams that have had elite level success. Barcelona is leading the way for our teams to participate in EDP next fall.

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Directors’ Message
Director of Travel - Bill Gardner
Director of Coaching – Nick Harrison

Getting to know our WWPSA Trainers

WWPSA significantly improves trainer quality

One of the most critical components of our Player Development Model is the selection of the trainers that lead our programs. We have made a number of significant changes that has brought an excellent group together, under the direction of our DOC.

- **Salvador Baldino** - NSCAA Premier, NSCAA Adv. National GK Princeton High School, Assistant Coach (Boys)
- **George Black** - NSCAA National, USSF C License Red Bank Catholic, Head Coach (Boys)
- **Erik Franzo** - NSCAA Adv. National, USSF D License ProActive Sport, Senior Trainer
- **Ewen MacDonald** - NSCAA Adv. National, USSF UEFA B License Player Development Academy (PDA), Head Coach/Trainer; United Soccer Academy, Director
- **Nikki Migliori** - NSCAA National TCNJ Women Program Captain - National Final 4 & Sweet 16
- **AJ Mueller** - NSCAA National Ohio Dominican University, Assistant Coach (Mens)
- **Bill Rizzo** - NSCAA Adv. National, USSF C License Rutgers University, Assistant Coach (Mens)
- **John Rerup** - NSCAA Adv. National, USSF UEFA B License Wall Soccer Club, Assistant DOC; Pt Pleasant HS Varsity Coach (Girls)

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Travel Tryouts

WWPSA & Mercer FC

Tryouts for the 2013-2014 season will be held from April 29th – May 10th, with the majority of the tryouts taking place in the first week. While tryouts will be conducted much as they have in the past, we will also fully integrate player assessments from the fall and spring in determining final team placements. All players will be notified of tryout results by May 17th. Registration for Tryouts will be opened by April 15th and several emails will be distributed club-wide with information to register.

Tournament Success: Magic & Warriors

Our U13 Girls Mercer FC Magic team were Finalists in the Championship division of the Baltimore Mania Tournament. The Magic beat two highly ranked teams from Pennsylvania, before falling in penalties in their championship match. Our U17 Boys WWPSA Warriors also reached the finals at the recent MSSL Spring College Showcase. After emerging with a 3-0 record from a very competitive field in group play, the Warriors advanced to the finals, also losing in PKs. Congratulations to the Magic and Warriors on their success!