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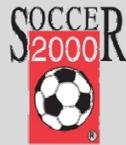


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Schwan's USA Cup

By Gin Sharma

From the Olympic-style opening ceremony to the final games, this truly is a wonderful experience for all players, parents, siblings and coaches. With over 950 teams and 14,000 soccer players from 20 states and 16 countries, the Schwan's USA Cup captures great memories, both on and off the field. Overall the five Ela teams that participated did very well.

U8 Boys Red, competing at the u9 age group, finished with a winning record of 3 wins and just one loss. A great result.

U9 Boys Red, competing at the u10 age level, held their own, with a very respectable record of two wins, one tie and just one loss.

U11 Boys Red opened with two impressive wins over two local Minnesota teams, 6-0 and 3-0. In their third pool game, they came across MPLS United Black and fell short 3-1. In the play-off match, the team faced UNAM from Mexico, and lost 2-1 in a well fought game.

U13 Girls Blue started their campaign with an outstanding performance, winning 9-0 against Valley United, MN. A strong performance, resulted in a 2-0 win for the Ela girls. In their final group match the team faced NSSA Blue flame, and played well but came short and ended with a 3-1 loss. The team regrouped with an impressive 2-0 win in the first playoff game. In the second play-off match, the Ela girls faced a very tough Eclipse team from Arkansas, and in a well fought game, lost 2-1. Overall the Ela U13 girls had an amazing run and should be proud of their achievements.

"I am proud of all the teams, they really did step it up on the field, and had an amazing experience, which, I am sure, they will remember for many years. I want to thank all of the players and parents for their support in making this a wonderful experience" - Coach Jose

The U14 Boys Elite team took home the 1st place trophy with a 1-0 win over Haitian Initiative in the final. A well-deserved victory. Their campaign opened with a 2-0 victory over CMYS Mustangs from Minnesota and then with a 8-0 and 6-0 wins in their second and third group games. The semi-final was a close game against Woodbury Galaxy from Minnesota. The Ela Elite boys had played very well in the first half, creating many chances, but just lacked the killing edge to put the ball in the back of the net. Ela Elite did finally break the deadline, scoring two goals in the last 15 minutes, and thoroughly deserved their 2-0 win. Overall the team played extremely well throughout the tournament and finished their campaign without conceding a single goal.

I would like to thank all of the players, parents and siblings, for making the USA Cup experience a very positive and memorable one. All of the players should be very proud of themselves, they represented Ela Soccer Club with great dignity and sportsmanship, both on and off the field.



See Page 2 for players thoughts from the USA Cup!

upcoming >>>



Upcoming Events

Tie Dye T-Shirts

Mark your calendar for the following club wide events and fundraisers!

- ◆ **September 23 & 26** Picture Day See Schedule Page online for your time
- ◆ **September 23 & 26** Tie Dye T-Shirt Night 4-8 p.m.
- ◆ **September 26** Oberweis Day
- ◆ **October 19** Chicago Fire Event 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ **January 29** College Info Night 7:00-8:30 p.m.



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College Corner

For those Ela Soccer players interested in competing on a collegiate soccer team, their high school years (U15-U18) are extremely important to the recruitment process. This is the time for players to identify desired schools, prepare their own player profile, and begin the process of contacting college coaches directly. While this process can be a tedious task to the average high-school student, we hope that resources we provide will better prepare you for your journey towards college and pursuing soccer at that level.

On the club website (under the Competitive Program link/ College -CAP section) there are many good resources to aid in the college search process. Always check for any updates that may also help engage the player to be more proactive about their future academically and athletically.

As part of the recruiting process, the club sends its Elite teams to college showcase events such as the St Louis Scott Gallagher Fall event in November and SC Del Sol President's Day Showcase, Phoenix, AZ in February. We also encourage players to attend college combines and 1 day player prospect camps to help aid in the recruitment process, when these become known.

The recruitment and college selection process can be a scary for high school students and their families, especially if this will be the first time going through the journey. Our help will provide you with many of the tools you will need to be prepared for everything that you will encounter along the way. Ela soccer Club is dedicated to helping place players in programs where they will be successful both on and off the field. If you ever have any questions or are in need of assistance with your recruiting questions, please don't hesitate to contact the College Assistance Coordinator, Derek Niepomnik.

We wish you all the best in your journey, as it's a great one to be a part of due to your current athletic success!
~ Derek Niepomnik

A College Recruitment Information Night open to all U15-U18 Ela players and their parents will be held on WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29th ~ 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Ela Office.

Players thoughts from the USA Cup.....

"It was a great first time experience going to the USA Cup. I got to witness many new things and meet new people. I enjoyed playing against Haiti in the finals. It was a great way to end the season" Josh Coulter - U14 Boys Elite

"The last day we got medals, coach Jose had a hat with name cards in it for a raffle and drew my name. I won the game ball and everybody signed my ball. In between games we traded pins. I got a lot of Minnesota pins, one Costa Rica pin and one Canadian pin. I had lots of fun getting new pins and playing new teams. The lesson I learned was to play tough and never give up because then you will lose. I think that going to Minnesota gave me a lot of experience in playing soccer and I look forward to go again." Michael Reed – U9 Boys Red

"It was a great experience playing against international opponents and the tournament was even better when we won it. I enjoyed meeting the new guys on the team and seeing the guys I had met from previous years. I have always had a great time whilst playing for ELA and hopefully I can continue to in years to come at the USA Cup." Evan Sawula - guest player from Canada, U14 Boys Elite

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IYSA Youth Coaching clinic hosted by ESC

This fall all our Recreation program volunteer coaches had the opportunity to attend an official IYSA Youth Coaching Clinic right here at home. Rick Flores the Director of Coaching for Illinois Youth Soccer and Jen Pfeiffer the Assistant Director held the courses over two nights in August. Our great coaches were put to the test and took advantage of this excellent resource. Coaching education is key to players learning, improving and ultimately having fun so they continue to play this great sport. With the education of our volunteer coaches and our professional coaches providing specialized skills training for the players, we are confident we are providing a top class recreational program and our goal of developing every player's skill and love for the game is well underway.

~ Jackie Marais

club highlight >>>

Rec Fall All Star Games

Saturday, October 27

U8 Boys	9:00-9:45 am	Kits
U8 Girls	10:00-10:45 am	Kits
U10 Boys	11:00-12:00 pm	Kits
U10 Girls	12:45-1:45 pm	Kits
U12 Boys	2:00-3:00 pm	Kits
U12 Girls	3:15-4:15 pm	Kits



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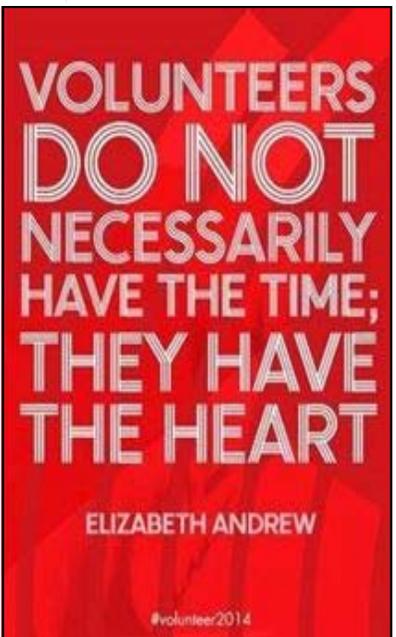
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sideline notes >>>

Always...

- Let the Coaches coach
- Make only **POSITIVE** comments from the sideline
- **RESPECT** the referees decision
- **ENJOY** cheering for your child and team

Spring Rec All Star Teams



Get to know your trainer...

Currently the Head Boys Sophomore Soccer Coach at Fremd High School in Palatine, Luke Mangogna comes to Ela Soccer after playing four years at University of Wisconsin Whitewater and serving as team captain during his junior and senior years.



Where are you from?

I'm from Hoffman Estates, Illinois

What's your favorite restaurant?

Home cooked breaded pork tenderloin with mashed potatoes w/gravy and greens.

Do you have any hobbies?

Fishing, snowboarding, water sports, and I love the beach.

Do you have any pets?

A terrier named Bacci .

What's on your iPod?

All types of music but I really like classic rock.

What is your favorite movie?

Comedies

Free OPD Clinic Offered

The Illinois Youth Soccer ODP program is offering Free ODP Clinics for those competitive players "Serious about Soccer" throughout the State to reinforce the training and what is expected in the program. Ela Soccer is pleased to announce that the club will be hosting a clinic on October 16th for players born in 2000, 2001 and 2002. This is an opportunity to work with the Illinois Youth Soccer ODP coaches to learn what it takes to participate in the 2014 Illinois ODP process.

For more information go to www.elasoccer.com and www.illinoisyouthsoccer.org



Many hands make light work.....

As a result of a wonderful group of volunteers Casino Night 2013 was a hit! Please come join the committee to help the 2014 fundraiser be a success.

If you are interested in helping please contact Sheryl Myhre at smyhre3@gmail.com



Save money on your fees with your everyday shopping

The scrip program is a way for members to directly reduce their registration fees with the added benefit of raising funds for the club. The scrip program is easy to use. Whenever you need to purchase a gift card, get it through the club. The club receives a rebate on the gift cards and passes half of the rebate on to you as a direct credit to your soccer fee account or as a check. The remaining half of the rebate after shipping and admin costs goes to fundraising.

Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to set up an account today! Use enrollment code: **6L479AC18493**

Supplemental Tryouts for High School Boys

October 20th 6:30-8:00pm

Lake Zurich High School

U15-U18 - to fill available roster spots

Welcome to our New Trainers!



Paul Bravo
- U12 Boys Blue



Memo Marin
- U11 Boys Blue
- U11 Boys Red
- U14 Girls Blue
- U14 Girls Elite



Derek Eckman
- Academy



Derek Niepomnik
- U10 Boys Blue
- U10 Boys Red
- U10 Boys White
- U15 Girls Elite
- Academy



Ginny Gilbert
- U11 Girls Blue
- U11 Girls Red



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- U10 Girls Blue
- U10 Girls Red