



Thunder-Struck



TSC News

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U-17 (now U-18) Girls

FEED US YOUR NEWS !!!

We are trying to get the newsletter to highlight more of our player's achievements, but currently with a staff of one, and generous writing efforts, mostly by Board members, we are limited in what we can accomplish.

We are urging Managers and Coaches to take note of their team's successes and pass them on to the newsletter (havey@erols.com). You don't need to provide a finished article. Do your best to get the facts down, names, scores, outstanding efforts, etc. and we'll help fill in the rest, maybe with a phone call back to you. Items of interest might include special training (trainers), tournaments, league success, standout play, academic achievement, ODP participation, High School successes, etc.

THUNDER STORMS CONNECTICUT

TSC THUNDER U17 GIRLS ARE RUNNERS UP IN SOCCERFEST 2002

With a potent mix of tight defense, swarming midfield, and fast, dangerous attack, TSC Thunder U17 girls played superb soccer on their way to runners up honors at the Guilford Soccerfest 2002. The team traveled to Connecticut by luxury bus July 5.

The tournament offered great competition, and Thunder started their account with an exciting 1-1 tie against Northwest Rovers of Connecticut. Then Thunder proceeded to open things up in this five game round robin tournament with three wins in a row. They went 1-0 against a tough Salt City Magic NY team, 2-0 against Burrillville RI, and capped the streak with a thrilling 3-2 win over Twin County Spirit of New Jersey. During this final game, the teams swapped leads before the Thunder sealed a great win in the closing minutes.

This set up the final game against the two 3-0-1 teams, Thunder and Guilford, CT. Thunder fell behind by two early Guilford goals in a back and forth game, clawed one back, and then went close with two well crafted second half opportunities before yielding a third decisive goal to the impressive host team.

Thunder added some fun extra-curriculars, including dinner at the Place (put your rump on a stump), the Soccerfest beach picnic, and a night of thrills and spills at Lake Compounce, featuring the famous Boulder Dash, to complete a memorable weekend.

“Hug Your Manager - Today!”

written by Mike Hasty

As the Manager Liaison for the club I have the privilege of working with all of the team managers. There are now 30 plus teams in the club and it requires a lot of administrative work to keep each team organized and running smoothly.

The manager position requires tons of behind the scenes effort, individual care and organizational skills. Most people have no idea how much value their manager brings to the success of a team. In many cases even the coach is unaware of the work they accomplish just to facilitate the opportunity for our children to play. While on the outside things appear to run pretty smoothly, many, many times this is no small accomplishment.


Each year, managers perform the dreaded registration process. This means collecting pictures, printing cards and registration forms for each player, obtaining signatures, managing the collection of notarized medical release forms, obtaining proof of age documents dropping of and picking up at the registrars house and a plethora of other tasks just to allow a team to be prepared to play each year.

Of course this is only the beginning as they need to register each team official, apply for tournaments, register the teams, coordinate accommodations and the list continues for the various registration tasks. In addition, they are responsible for preparing budgets, ordering uniforms, providing directions and schedules, reporting scores, obtaining permissions to travel, state cup registration and draw, obtaining volunteers for their team and club functions, tryouts, attending meetings and maintaining open communication with each individual and the coach on the team. Then there are directions, phone trees, practice coordination, handouts, team meetings, rainouts, reschedules, and the list truly goes on and on.

Sometimes this means driving to tournaments with all the paperwork the night before to register the team. Sometimes they are the ear that gets bent when things go awry, or coaching issues surface, or when playing time is an issue, or when a team isn't winning. They mend many fences during a year, intercept and deal with many issues, and deal with many, many people. Yet they still somehow have the time and energy to cheer their team on as the consummate cheerleader at every game.

While each team member deals with their own individual schedule, the manager has to deal with each family's schedule, overlaid with the requirements placed on them by the club, MSYSA, leagues and tournaments. It doesn't take much imagination to recognize the havoc that one parent late with requested information or fees can do to the managers ability to get the job done.

So, parents please, please help your manager by volunteering, being on time with requested information and do try and follow the directions for completing information, the rework is staggering. And by the way, give your manager a BIG hug, or at least a thank you. It will be appreciated and just might give them the added lift to get through one more season so you aren't asked to do it!

SHOTS ON THE NET 

www.thundersoccerclub.org

<http://www.erols.com/wsyacy/soccer.html>

<http://www.eattocompete.com/>

<http://www.nscac.com/>

[http://www.usysa.org/network/youth_list.cfm?
state=MD](http://www.usysa.org/network/youth_list.cfm?state=MD)

President's Message from David Gould

Change and More Changes

In last fall's newsletter past President Mike Hasty talked about change stating that the "Thunder Board recognizes how change is necessary to meet the current needs of the Club."

So that is what the club did by bringing in Tony Corbett and Cliff Walcott and putting them in their respective positions of Coaching Advisor and Youth Coaching Advisor. We then teamed them up with Board member Ken Boras, and assigned Ken the duties of Coaching Liaison to create a coaching team to help guide the Club's coaches, serve as independent observers of coaching practices, and to help address any issues that arise. Our Coaching team has done a great job so far. The Club has grown from 15 teams last fall to 22 this past spring to 30 for this fall. The quality of the coaching staff continues to improve, and our players are benefiting from more consistent and higher level training.

With this type of growth we needed to make even more changes, some additions and some subtractions. This last year Sharon Keeny and Debbie Hasty have stepped down in the volunteer roles they held in the club. I would like to thank both of them again for their hard work. Without them we would not be where we are today. With that loss we needed new volunteers to step up and they did. New Board members, Fundraising committee, NCSL rep, WAGSL rep, and Club Secretary. These individuals included Patty Burford, Robert Holcomb, Gina Clapp, and Mike Fowler. I thank them for their hard work and efforts along with all the active Board members.

More changes were made to help promote communication between the Board, parents and teams, and to help the volunteer managers learn and deal with the details of their positions. A new position of Manager Liaison was created to help organize the team managers. Mike Hasty stepped up again to fill this role. I have attended most Coaches and Managers meetings this last year and would like to applaud the teams, first on the attendance of both Managers and Coaches, and second on the information and contents of the meetings. It was tremendous.

In the past few weeks the Board has added another position to aid the Coaching Advisors. Gina Clapp has filled the role of Coaching Advisor Assistant. This role is another way to help streamline transition of new teams entering the club and to help take care of some of the administrative aspects of those positions. It should allow the coaching advisors to spend more time assessing and advising on coaching and club programs, and less time chasing down, people, places and things.

Like Mike said last year " while these changes are significant, we will continue to evaluate their effectiveness and will continue to look for other ways to improve." As the club continues to grow we need more people need to step up like the few I have mentioned above so Thunder Soccer Club can put players first, and maintain a youth soccer environment that provides to young people the opportunity for growth through education and improvement.



The Missing Spring Newsletter

OK. You got me. Yes there was a Spring 2002 Newsletter, and NO, you never saw it. Please accept the apologies of the newsletter staff and the Board. Though some information is now dated, it has been put up on the website. There are some good articles, so give it a peek and take from it what is still of value. Again, my apologies for the circumstances that prevented its publishing.

Cold Weather Clothing

Cold weather is just around the corner. November games can get cold. So to help plan for the cold weather, here are some guidelines, especially for the younger players that don't generate the body heat to keep themselves warm. Here are some things to consider. Give it a read and equip your player's equipment bags accordingly.

Cold Weather only – (i.e. not raining)

1st – players are typically not “allowed” to wear warm-up pants during play over their uniforms or over top of their socks/shin guards – BUT when it's cold they can wear something that keeps their legs warm – thermal underwear though it might look “ridiculous” works especially well. Any “skin fitting” leg covering helps. This should be worn under the socks & shorts

2nd – the players should wear a long sleeve shirt under their jersey – white works best – can be just a cotton long sleeve shirt or some of the high-tech material that is also water resistant –but it needs to breath and should have elastic cuffs so it will stay at their wrists. Some leagues are very particular about wearing long sleeves under the uniforms and require that if worn, they must all match in color. Historically, Thunder has worn black or white long sleeve shirts. The team should coordinate this so all players match in color.

3rd – gloves, the best are “soccer field gloves”, because they have “rubber” grips, so the ball doesn't slip out their hands on throw-ins – but any tight fitting gloves that have non-slip surface works fine also.

4th – head coverings – during the game generally headgear is not recommended – interferes with heading and vision – but either head sweat bands or the ear warmers work if it is very cold.

5th – when the kids get cold on the field – they need to call for subs – the internal heat generated from running only works for so long and then their core temperatures start to drop – so when they get cold they should call for subs – just like they were injured.

6th – sidelines, chairs work well during warm weather when they need to rest, but during cold weather – sitting on the chairs results in inactivity which makes them colder – so for cold weather chairs are counter-productive.

7th – sidelines clothes – really cold weather calls for warm dothing that is easy to put on and take off - rather than soccer warm-ups – coats that they wear outside (especially with warm hoods) – will allow their body temperature to warm them back-up.

Cold & Rainy

1st – there really is not much that can be done when playing when it is both cold and raining – there are a number of new high tech (read expensive) under shirts that shed water while allow perspiration to escape, something to consider.

2nd – the big difference is having something that sheds water when on the sidelines – cheap plastic ponchos typically work best – get the big ones for adults – they easily go over all their clothes and also comes off easier, plus they reach down to the ground providing some additional wind protection.

3rd – bags, though most of the bags are not waterproof they do shed water if they are zipped shut – too many times the boys forget to put their stuff in their bags and SIP-IT UP – if they're not sipped up they become a bucket full of water.



Olympic Development Program

MSYSA runs the Maryland ODP program that is designed to help identify the truly premier players in the US. Tryouts are in the fall, with younger ages probably already started and older ages in late October/November. Visit the MSYSA web page for more information and to register.

There are many opinions about the program. We'll try to carry an article on the ODP and DDP programs from the perspective of a few Thunder participants and their parent in the future. In the meantime, check it, and the District Development program (DDP) out.

World's first black footballer was a Guyanese

(Reprinted from The Herald of Glasgow 2nd February 2002)

The world's first black footballer has been discovered - playing for Scotland in the 1880's. Curators at the Scottish Football Museum at Hampden made the historic find about Andrew Watson, who was born in Guyana in 1857. He started playing football in Glasgow in 1874, then played for Queen's Park and won three caps for Scotland. It disproves the commonly held assumption that Arthur Wharton of Preston North End was the first black player. Watson pre-dates this by 11 years.

Experts said it should be no surprise, only that it took so long to discover. Ged O'Brien, director of the museum, said: "For years, I had looked at our pictures of Watson in his Queen's Park and Scotland stripes but never had the facts to back up the evidence of my own eyes."

The breakthrough came when a fellow researcher told Mr. O'Brien of an interview in the Falkirk Mail describing a Queen's Park game and referring to Watson as 'a coloured gentleman'. Mr. O'Brien said: "I find it surprising, but possibly indicative of the time, that we have only found one mention of his colour and that is an account dictated in the twentieth century. "It's possible that Glaswegians were so blase about the mercantile tradition that a black person was not a remotely surprising thing in the city at the time."

Guyana was a British colony at that time, populated by both African and East Indians and it is likely that Watson's mother would have been of one or other descent. It is unknown how or why Watson moved to Glasgow, but he first appears in the records in 1874 as a player for Maxwell FC and later Parkgrove FC, where he was also match secretary.

After six years playing in Glasgow, he was picked up by Queen's Park, who dominated the Scotland team at that time. The 1881 census shows Watson living in Afton Crescent, Govan, with his wife Jessie and son Rupert. His occupation is listed as 'warehouseman', his birthplace is confirmed as Georgetown, Guyana, and he was a British subject. Other records identify him as an engineer.

Watson went on to make first team performances for clubs in Liverpool and London. "Because Watson played in the amateur era, there was no question of

him being under contract to Queen's Park," said Mr. O'Brien, who is compiling a website on Watson's career. "The fact that he was asked to play for top quality teams in England means that he must have been a great player. He was even asked to play in a tournament with the Corinthians, a team set up with the sole aim of improving English football and here is Watson playing with the elite of the elite, by invitation. It really is a remarkable story." However, it was with Queen's Park that Watson played the majority of his football.

In eight years there, he was to play in 36 competitive matches. From this point on, details become somewhat scarce, but curators hope that some of his family may still be in Scotland.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you don't help, you can't complain.....DO IT FOR THE KIDS !!!!

NEWSLETTER STAFF – Intermittent efforts to collect articles and information on teams from Coaches, Parents, and Players to help the Club recognize player achievements and communicate. **NO SKILLS NEEDED!** Its mostly helping to do a little legwork, by phone or email. Contact Jim Havey at havey@erols.com OR (410) 549-6902.

Program Help – Coaches, Players and Parents needed to help out with our Futsal, Thunder Threes and Micro Soccer programs. These programs are held to continue player development and to share the benefits of the Thunder Club with the community. Coaches, Players and Parents we need your help make them a huge success. Contact Tony Corbett at tclondon@home.com, or at (410) 740-5597, or Cliff Walcott.



Thunder Board and Administration

Executive Board

President – Dave Gould

Vice-President/Tryouts – Jim Gormley

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Jim Havey - Newsletter

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Administration

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NCSL Representative – Gina Clapp

WAGS Representative – Robert Holcomb

Club Voice Mail: 410.207.2213

(For contact information, Coaches and other news, See the Web Site)

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Mission

The Thunder Soccer Club will by, putting players first, establish and maintain a youth soccer environment that provides to young people the opportunity for growth through competition and the continuous education and improvement of players and coaches.

Glenwood Park

Reminder!!

**No Parking is allowed
on the grass along Route 97!!
or for that matter any grass at the park.**

**IT IS NOT PERMITTED
IT IS NOTSAFE!!**

**If it is allowed we will lose our permit to
use these fields!**

Coaches and Managers must communicate this to the opposing teams when they contact them to confirm game times and directions. **You must also** enforce this on game days.

We have been advised that *if we do not comply*, our **permits** to play at these fields **WILL BE REVOKED.**

Advise the visiting teams of the availability of parking at the Middle School and require parking at the School for both TSC families and visitors when games are on the field closest to the School. *We cannot afford to lose these fields.*

It's no fun not having home games!!

Parents, Players, Coaches and Managers

**SPRING CLUB DUES
AND LATE FEE**

As we look forward to the Spring, it is important to know that the leagues we participate in expect their league fees to be paid early in 2003. Other Club payments related to field usage and maintenance are also due.

The Thunder Board is requiring that ALL teams participating in Spring leagues pay their Club dues no later than **January 15th 2003** to provide the funds needed to do this. **Teams failing to pay by that date will be assessed a Board approved late fee of 10% and may not be registered for their league.**

We appreciate your cooperation in making this happen

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THUNDER in the High Schools

The Thunder organization would like to take this opportunity to recognize our players for their success in making their respective junior varsity and varsity high school teams. Our hope is that part of the reason they have accomplished this is a result of their affiliation with the Thunder Soccer Club. Regardless, we wish them all the best through their high school seasons!! We will be posting this list on the Thunder Web Site in the near future. If we missed someone, we apologize. Please let Jim Havey know and we'll correct it for the Web Site.

GOOD LUCK Players !!!!! Make the Club proud!!!

Century High School

Kevin Brillhart
Kevin Chapman
Kris Chinery
Andrew Delis
Jessi Glauser
Bobby Lyons
Mike March, Jr
Chris Redmond
Justin Rousey
Tom Cockey

Seton Keough

Meaghan Doyle
Kelly O'Connell
Danielle Provance

River Hill

Alyssa Baker
Megan Brown
Carley Katz
Sonny Nagpal
Alex Vadenoff
Justin White
Ben Larkin

Long Reach

Kanika Staten

Chapelgate

Mark Mantua

Glenelg

Alli Clute
Brandy McReynolds
Meghan Haspert
Josh Burford
Jim Osborne
Ian Fowble
Devin Keeny
Chris Kirley
Seth Michael
Kelly Wallace
Erica Ryan (Field Hoickey)
Jessie Fowble
Briana Ferrera
Joe Osborne
Ian Beliczky
Andrew Pettis
Brett Constantino
Garret Maxon
Alex Mcwethy
Mike Miller
Ben Cobleigh

Centennial

Shelby Taylor
Jennifer Walsek
Bethany Shirey

Hammond

Heather Steele

Thomas Johnson

Allie Forney (Field Hoickey)

Liberty High School

Sean Locklear
James Napp
Matt Georgianna
Holt Skovron
Mike McCormick
Mike Janyska
Brandon Chopper
Kelsey Havey

South Carroll

Karyn Farrar
Stephanie Ritgert
Jenny Ross
Kristen White

Maryvale

Lindsey Gillenwater

Mt. Hebron

Emma Gormley
Lisa Baird
Katie Brown
Jessica Glazer
Kyle Barber
Dave Brodian
Tim Han
Cory Gould
Matt Gould

Loyola

Michael Keating

Wilde Lake

Kelan Connolly
Christie Hill
Andrew Park

Atholton

Patrick Berge
Patrick Corbett
Bob Ingle



— THUNDERWEAR —

Check out the web: www.thundersoccerclub.org

New TSC team uniforms Copa jerseys, shorts and training suits.

Christmas is coming!!!!

Show your support with a **Thunder Soccer Window Decal** only \$2.00.

To place Team or individual orders contact Cheryl Gould

E-mail CAGX4@cs.com or (410) 313-8858.

THUNDER Fall Bash

Soccer Tournament

November 16 - 17, 2002

Western Howard County Maryland

The Thunder Soccer Club is sponsoring its first annual Fall Bash soccer tournament for ages U-10 through U-17 for both boys and girls. This is a tremendous opportunity to help the Club grow. Teams will get 30% of the revenues attributable to the team's sales of ads for the program booklet. Your manager should have provided the details already. Cut off for sales is October 10th. Additionally, depending on the success of the tournament, Thunder teams may also get discounted entry fees and additional funds for team use.

Each Thunder team is expected to provide the names of 5 parents to volunteer as tournament helpers. This is not an all weekend commitment, probably a couple hours each volunteer here or there. We will do everything possible to schedule your involvement with times preceding or following your players matches, as well as to be sure you can see your player play. The more volunteers, the less time each of us needs to commit, the more flexibility we have, and the better the tournament will be.

U-10 through U 12 will get individual first and second place trophies. U-13 through U-17 will get individual T-shirts and team trophies for winners and runners-up.

See the Thunder web page for more information or contact:

Tournament Committee Chairman : Mark Beliczky

410.489.2708 (mark.beliczky@sunrise-al.com)

Tournament Director Mike Libber, Premier Soccer Tournamanets

410.872.5886 (michael.libber@impactinnovations.com)

or any Board member.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!!!