



# The Storm Watch

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## Viera Girls U12 Rec Team Take 3v3 by Storm

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Team Crazy Socks, made up of girls in our U12 Rec program, went undefeated at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rachel Price Memorial 3v3 Challenge on January 24<sup>th</sup>. They outscored their opponents 38-6! The team also won the Space Coast 3v3 Tournament in December, beating teams in the playoffs 13-3 who had outscored them 7-4 in pool play.

Amazingly, Team Crazy Socks did not win a game last year. But according to Coach Michaud, “through a lot practice during the soccer season and afterwards on their own as a team, they improved their skills to help win this tournament. This was a very balanced team where everyone scored and helped contribute on defense throughout each game.”

The girls were down 0-2 early in the championship game before coming back and scoring 8 goals to win the championship 8-2 over a team from Orlando.

The team is looking forward to playing in the Challenge Sports National tournament at Disney’s Wide World of Sports in the late summer and after this tournament they will be ranked 2nd in their division.



Team Crazy Socks: Coach Justin Gilman, Riley Gilman, Ashleigh Miller, Alexa Merola, Chloe Senior, Cassidy Johnson, Riley Michaud, Coach Tim Michaud

## Slate Set for Board Election in March

### 2015 Board Candidates



Susan Eaton



Toby Gutierrez



Les Hatter

Six dynamic members have submitted applications to serve on the Board of Directors. We sincerely appreciate their interest and welcome their desire to help make Space Coast United the best soccer club in the state of Florida.



Matt Shelton



Lynn Spadaccini



Stephen Spira

The election will be held at Viera Regional Park on Monday, March 16 from 5:00—9:00 p.m. Members receive one ballot per player pass number (child enrolled in the club). We will have that information handy on election night.

To learn more about each of the candidates, visit this [page](#) on the Space Coast United website. Each candidate has submitted a brief bio and a statement about why they would like to serve the interests of our children and our community.

## U14 Boys Fight For Gold At Disney

Coach Dean Flexton's team came back from goal deficits in every game at the Disney President's Day Soccer Festival. On Saturday, February 14 they recovered from 1-3 down to pull out a 3-3 draw against Braden River (FL). They posted two tremendous wins on Sunday, 3-1 over Port Orange (FL) and 4-1 over Rancocas Valley (NJ) despite their opponents scoring first, to top their group and head to the Final match on Monday.

The Final proved to be a very exciting match. The boys were down 0-1 at the half against the FFC Predators (GA) and fell to 0-2 not long in to the second half. They fought their way back to a 2-2 draw taking the game to extra time. No score in extra time resulted in a tense penalty kick shoot out to decide the championship.

The Space Coast keeper managed to get a glove on the Predator's third shot, denying a goal. All five Space Coast shooters found the back of the net with a sense of calm and finesse that would make Ronaldo jealous.

After taking silver at this tournament in 2014, the boys were rewarded for all their hard work on our practice fields with the gold this year. Coach Flexton said, "Great win over President's Day weekend for my U14 boys. Every player is working hard and we are coming together nicely as a team, just at the right time of the season."



### Shout out to Viera High Girls

Not only are they state 4A Champions, but they are awesome off the pitch as well.

They helped Coach Rob put 120 coach folders together and packed the 8,000 flyers delivered to nine local schools.

Thank you so much ladies!

## U15 Boys Weston Cup & Showcase Champs

Some south Florida teams had the opportunity to experience a Storm coming down from their north over the President's Day weekend. Coach Collins and Asst. Coach Campos' boys had a monster Valentine's Day beating Soccer Paradise (North Miami Beach) 3-1 followed by a 5-0 drubbing of Weston FC on Saturday, February 14th. They drew 1-1 with Wellington SC (Royal Palm Beach) on Sunday to progress to the Final.



In more Space Coast Storm PK drama for the weekend, the U15 Boys won their title in a penalty shoot out over Key Biscayne SC.

Coach Collins was understandably proud of his players saying, "The tournament was a great opportunity for the boys to tune up for State Cup and gain some confidence going into the Spring Season. The boys played well and there were a lot of positive things that we can build off of moving forward. We are looking forward to the upcoming months."

# U17 Girls Earn Third Straight CDL Championship

The CDL Showcase draws almost 100 college coaches to Tampa in February. Coach Dustin Smith's U17 Girls Travel team won the showcase for their third year in a row!

The girls stormed through the tournament winning all three of their games. On Saturday, they blanked Florida Force (Ocala) 1-0 and then beat Braden River (Bradenton) 3-2. They completed their undefeated run by winning 2-1 over West Pines United (Pembroke Pines) on Sunday.

Coach Smith said, "The girls played really well together this past weekend, especially not having had the opportunity to train and play much since high school soccer has ended! I'm very proud of all the girls as they competed well and wish to congratulate them on a three-peat at this event."



## The Nets are Coming, The Nets are Coming!

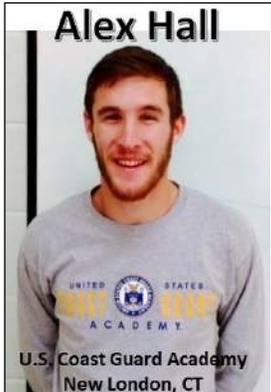
No, this is not a story about basketball that got lost in a youth soccer newsletter. We are thrilled to report that players on Fields 1 and 2 should be losing far fewer balls in the water between our fields and the softball complex. Look for the installation of net fencing along the north side of the soccer section of Viera Regional Park this spring. This is just one capital improvement project currently in the works.

The club is also pleased to be able to provide temporary lighting on these two fields for YDP and Academy practices until the time change on Sunday, March 08. This should give all teams a little more elbow room during practice. Whew!

## Hi Ho, Hi Ho, It's Off To School They Go

It's that time of year again when we proudly announce the collegiate signings of our high school seniors. The news is starting to come in and we are so excited for all of the young men and women who have worked so hard over the years as both students and athletes.

If you have a college signing to report, email the [Director of Media Relations](#) with the student's name, school, and signing photo.

 <p><b>Brandon Berg</b> Dartmouth College, Albany, Georgia</p>	 <p><b>Alex Hall</b> U.S. Coast Guard Academy New London, CT</p>	 <p><b>Anna Griesler</b> Florida Southern College Lakeland, FL</p>	 <p><b>Michael Martin</b> Merchant Marine Academy Great Neck, NY</p>	 <p><b>Keira McCarthy</b> Florida Institute of Technology Melbourne, Florida</p>
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## Our Programs

Micro/Mini-Kickers  
Ages 3-5

Youth Development and Academy  
Ages 4-11

Competitive: Select/NPL  
Ages 9-19

Recreational  
Ages 13-18

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Ages 9-19

TOPSoccer  
Ages 4-19

# Sportsmanship Matters!



We all share a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior. Space Coast United Soccer Club implements a [Code of Conduct](#) to ensure soccer can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. Remember, youth soccer is a time for players to develop their technical, physical, tactical, and social skills.

Winning isn't everything. Yes, believe it or not, that goes for the competitive teams too. Sportsmanship matters!

You can contribute to making soccer enjoyable for everyone involved, at home and especially away.

- ◆ Remember that children play for FUN.
- ◆ Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- ◆ Always accept the match officials' decisions, no matter how much you disagree with a call.
- ◆ Remain outside the field of play.
- ◆ Let the coaches do their job and do not confuse players by shouting instructions from the spectator side of the field
- ◆ Encourage players to respect the opposition and match officials.
- ◆ Avoid criticizing a player for making a mistake as they are part of learning.
- ◆ Never engage in or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behavior.

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