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Space Coast players took the winter season by storm as squads throughout the age brackets dominated games and built up tournament wins throughout Florida.

Playing in tournaments from New Year's through the second round of Region Cup, boys and girls teams recorded a number of solid performances.

Disney Soccer Showcase, New Year's:



While many people were preparing for New Year's Eve parties, the girls of the Space Coast United Soccer Club's four collegiate teams - U15, 16, 17, and 18 - prepared to play in the Disney Senior Soccer Showcase over the weekend. The showcase is heavily attended by college scouts looking for prospective players, and this was the first time Space Coast sent all four of the girls' collegiate teams.

"The Disney Soccer Showcase is the premier Girls' tournament in the United States," said Scott Armstrong, Space Coast United's director of Coaching. "I am very proud and happy that we are doing so well as a club and that our brand has grown so much. This year we had a record numbers of coaches at our games for the U18, -17, -16 and -15 teams. The best thing about Disney is it's in our back yard and we face elite teams from all over the country and the world. For us to be about an hour away is a huge help. Participating in this tournament and our strong show-



ing, are something we should be very proud of."

The first day saw two wins, a draw, and a loss from the teams. The U18's beat FC alliance in a close 4-3 game while the U17 girls crushed United Mt. Pleasant 3-0. The U15's drew ISA 1-1 and the U16's lost to TFCA Alliance 0-3 in a frustrating game after outshooting their opponents 16-4.

New Year's Day began with the U18's drawing CASL 1-1 followed by 3 wins from the U15, 16, and 17 girls. The U16's beat



Winning Ways Carry Space Coast to Top of Tournaments

Indy Premier FC 1-0 in a game that began slowly but by the end the girls had managed to eek out a goal to win it. The U15's clobbered their opponents the Charlotte Predators 3-0 and the U17's stomped theirs with a 5-0 win over Javanon SC.

The final day of group stages concluded on January 2nd with three wins and a loss. The U15's beat FOSC 2-1 and came in second in their group on goal differential. The U18's had a 1-0 victory against CASL to place them at the top of the group and solidify their place in the finals and the U17 girls refused to give any quarter by pounding their opponents Alleycats SC with another 5-0 win and a goal differential of plus-13 by the end of group stage. The U16 girls were the only group to not move on after a 0-3 loss to a team from Ohio. While the team looked a touch rusty because of high school getting in the way of team practices, coach Calvin stated that he was, "looking forward to getting back together regularly after high school."

The U15 girls played their third place match after their second place finish in their group and came out on top, beating the Texans on PK's for the third place finish. The U18 girls played their final against the #1 team in Rhode Island and lost 1-0 despite what could have been a game-changing goal being called back by the referee. The U17's had a similar close finish against a Dallas team after keeping them to a 0-0 draw before losing on PK's. Nonetheless, both teams went home with silver medals around their necks and the confidence of performing fantastically in front of a crowd of collegiate scouts.

Boys Region B Cup – Feb. 9:

Region B Cup began for the boys in February and our three Space Coast teams did extremely well, moving on to the second round.

The U12s came out boots blazing with a 9-0 shelling of Orlando City and 8-0 blanking of Florida Rush. Wow!

The U13s won all three of their games conceding just a single goal. They beat the Villages 2-1 and shut out both Orlando City and Clay County SC 2-0 each.

Coach Phillips and Sichler's U15s move on to the Round of 16 on February 27 after a win, draw and loss. They battled Florida Kraze Blue to a 2-2 finish, fell to Orlando City Gold 0-2 and bested Jacksonville SC 2-1.

Brevard Winter Classic:

Coach Moon's U13 Girls beat BSA on PKs in the Final to earn Brevard Winter Classic Championship, while the U14 Girls brought home silver from the tournament. Our U13 Boys Select team had a great group stage run at the Brevard Winter Classic. Made it to the Semifinals and just missed making the Final match on PKs.

NPL Victory:

Coach Dean Flexton's U13 Boys earned their first-ever NPL win by beating PDA of Palm Coast by a count of 4-3.

CDL Showcase:

Coach Flexton's U14 Boys travel squad wrapped up their CDL Showcase with 2 wins and a loss in great games producing a solid tournament showing.

Orlando City Junior Pro Invitational:

U11 boys took 2nd place in the



finals in the Orlando City Junior Pro Invitational after a well-played 0-2 defeat against Orlando City's U11 Pro III team.



International Friendly:

Coach Moon's U18 Boys had a unique opportunity to play a match against PlayPro Academy from Uruguay. They are a selection of some of the best players in Uruguay in the U.S. touring, playing games, and in a tournament for the week.

Coach Moon gave PlayPro a tour of Florida Tech in the morning and then our U18s hosted them in Viera. Space Coast lost 2-1 with Luca Campanini scoring on a free kick.

For continuing updates on Space Coast United games and results, log on to the organization's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SpaceCoastUnited/>

Congratulation College-bound Space Coast Players!

Space Coast United Soccer Club would like to congratulate our seniors who recently signed to play for a college program. We are so proud of you and your hard work and dedication to the sport.

- Luca Campanini**
Florida Institute of Technology
- Brittany Etrick**
Florida Institute of Technology
- Emily Morgan**
Nova Southeastern University
- Nicole McLain**
Florida Institute of Technology
- Kasey Snow**
Davidson College
- Karly Denaburg**
North Greenville University
- Robin Herman**
University of West Florida
- Jordan Walsh**
University of Central Florida
- Emily Plotz**
Stetson University

We wish you all the best as you launch the next chapter of your lives and playing careers!



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Thank You!





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Established in 1984, Space Coast United Soccer Club is a non-profit run by volunteers dedicated to families who wish to enjoy the sport of soccer and to provide opportunities to play at all levels from ages three to eighteen with the highest quality of programs available in the State of Florida. Our efforts and energies are directed to the following objectives:

- We strive to develop players at all levels of play – recreational and competitive – by building and improving their skills, confidence, fitness, initiative and a sense of teamwork.
- We are committed to developing coaches and referees to the highest level through a quality instructional, licensing and mentoring program.
- We aim to ensure all of our players' personal goals are met whether they be enjoying recreational soccer, playing on an elite or premier competitive team, playing on your high school team, playing in college, or on a U.S. National team someday.
- We promote and encourage high standards of sportsmanship and fair play and strive to ensure all players are doing it "For the love of the Game!"

Coaches Awarded for Hard Work, Success

Last March, we sent coaches Scott Armstrong and Dean Flexton to attend the Basic Periodisation course by football expert Raymond Verheijen's so they could introduce the principles to Space Coast United. The goal being to develop player and team fitness through football games, avoiding accumulation of fatigue, maximizing player freshness, and remaining injury-free.

Flexton will be instrumental in facilitating the implementation of periodization principles at the Club. He is our go-to coach for the rest of our staff to learn more about the importance of rest and recovery.

Timothy Michaud, coach of the U13 Select Girls team, was awarded the Florida Youth Soccer Association Girls Recreation Coach of the Year in August making him eligible for a regional award. Tim was named Region III Girls Recreation Coach of the Year and was one of just four nominees for the US Youth Soccer National Girls Recreation Coach of the Year.

As a regional winner, Tim attended a US Youth Soccer Coach Workshop in Baltimore. Michaud has been coaching at Space Coast United Soccer Club for four years working with both 8v8 and 3v3 teams, progressing from a novice to being invited to join the competitive coaching staff for the 2015-16 season.

"Tim's dedication, passion and enthusiasm is so contagious," parent Teresa Huskisson said, "that by the end of every season, not only the girls love soccer, but their families too. He motivates each girl to achieve what at the beginning seemed impossible."



Coach Dean Flexton with Raymond Verheijen

Coach Tim Michaud

Merger Statement

BSA recently reorganized their organizational governance and decided there was not enough time prior to 2016 try-outs to ensure a successful merger. Their board voted to discontinue merger talks. Space Coast United supports BSA's decision to focus on their own organizational and membership needs at this time.