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U13 and U14 Boys Region B League Champions

Back in February Coach Dean Flexton's U13 Boys Travel and U14 Boys Travel teams both swept their competition in their finals of 4-0 against Florida Elite and 3-0 against Warner ASG respectively. Congratulations to the boys and their coach!



SCU Celebrates National Girls & Women in Sports Day



Space Coast United Soccer Club, Brevard County's largest youth soccer organization celebrated National Girls and Women in Sports Day on Wednesday, February 1 with a special, free "Open House" for girls ages 3 through 18.

The event provided an introduction to the recreational and competitive programs offered by the club and featured a coaching session by Viera High School Girls' Soccer Team coach, Courtney Lundy along with the club's female trainers and coaches, as well as an opportunity to play in small-team scrimmages.

"More and more girls and young women are participating in the game and we want to recognize their talents, skills and accomplishments, and encourage others to get involved," said Robert Dinnie, Space Coast United's youth director and coach. "Many of the players on Viera High School's 2016 State Champion team played in our competitive program and we want to show girls of all ages that their potential to learn and grow in this sport is boundless!"

If you missed it this year make sure to look out for news on the [Space Coast United facebook page](#) next year around January for information about how Space Coast will celebrate it in 2018.

Brevard Winter Classic Champs

College Signings:

- ◆ Tiana Caffey (LSU)
- ◆ Alex Vandegrift (LSU)
- ◆ Chynna McGirt (Rollins College)
- ◆ Bryce Wahy (Trevecca Nazarene University)
- ◆ Caroline Larsen (UNF)
- ◆ Ian Spradlin (Harding University)
- ◆ Keli Lindquist (UCF)
- ◆ Hollyn Knight (UNF)
- ◆ Katie Kenward (Austin Peay State University)
- ◆ Sarah Beth Nies (North Greenville University)
- ◆ Rocio Sanders (Auburn)

The Brevard Winter Classic is an annual tournament held in late January at Mitchell Ellington Park. Both boys and girls teams at Space Coast United used the tournament as a proving ground and a way to measure themselves against other teams in the region in the run-up to State and Region Cup. This year, two competitive Space Coast teams left with trophies in hand: Coach Potier's U16 Girls with silver and Coach Esposito's U17 Girls with Gold.

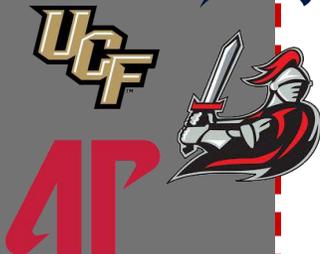
Participating Space Coast Teams:

- U9 Boys Academy
- U12 Boys Academy
- U14 Boys Select
- U16 Boys Travel
- U11 Girls
- U13 Girls
- U16 Girls
- U17 Girls



The Run-Down:

Both teams started off strong in their group, opening with a 3-0 win over Clermont FC by the U16 Girls and a 2-0 win over JAYFC by the U17's. After that, the U16's went on to tie Florida Elite 0-0, the team that they would eventually face in the finals and lose to in a hard fought 1-2 game. Meanwhile the U17 girls tied Orlando City Purple II 0-0 to top their group and move on to the finals where they faced Beachside Indialantic. After a tough, defensive game with a strong opponent, the U17 Girls snuck a goal past Indialantic by Delanee Vance to close the game out with a 1-0 victory and clinch 1st place and the gold trophy. Great job girls!



Through the current season Space Coast United is participating in the Home Team Advantage Program with Buffalo Wild Wings. It's nothing complicated; just show your server your Team-Mate Card either printed or electronically and 10% of your bill will be added to Space Coast's running tally to be presented to the club at the end of the season. It's that easy!

Preliminary Info for 2017-18 Competitive Tryouts

This past year, Florida Youth Soccer Association instituted a change to the rules that govern when member clubs are permitted to hold tryouts for their competitive programs. Rather than waiting until State Cup concludes, clubs may now hold tryouts as early as April 01.

While we respect the democratic process that resulted in the rule change, Space Coast United Soccer Club feels earlier tryouts are not in the best interest of players, teams, and clubs. Teams are still competing in spring league play, the FYSA championship series (State, President's, and Commissioner's Cup), and other tournaments.



While players may accept an offer at a tryout and make a financial deposit, they still must fulfill the obligations of their 2016-17 player agreement with their current club until the seasonal year ends. Additionally, FYSA rules permit players to change their mind about committing to offers until June 10, 2017 as that is the first date of official FYSA registration with a club. Therefore, significantly earlier tryouts are distracting, unnecessary, and serve to prolong the uncertainty and anxiety that inevitably accompany tryouts. April and early-May tryouts are not conducive to player focus or team cohesion, and therefore could negatively impact player development and team results.

We would prefer to see players, coaches, and teams complete their spring season without the distraction tryouts introduce. Therefore, Space Coast United Soccer Club will be holding tryouts in mid-May when league play is concluded and most teams have completed their State/President's/Commissioner's Cup competition.

Our registration process has also changed this year, so please take time to review all information carefully. We have a [Tryout Page](#) on our website that provides a full schedule by age and gender, as well as detailed instructions for registration. We highly encourage interested players to register earlier rather than later to make the check-in on the first night of tryouts quick and easy.



Please take a moment to log in to your BlueSombrero account to verify that your account is paid in full for 2016-17 or any previous years. Players with an outstanding balance as of May 01, 2017 will not be eligible to participate in tryouts for the 2017-18 soccer year.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please send them to admin@spacecoastsoccer.org. We are building an FAQ page to supplement the Tryout page and your questions may benefit others who are wondering the same things. We appreciate your interest in playing competitive soccer at Space Coast United Soccer Club and hope to see you at Tryouts in May.

Academy Boys and Girls (9U, 10U) session will be held Friday, May 12. Girls Competitive tryouts will be held May 15 & 17. Competitive Boys tryouts will be held May 16 & 18. Our makeup day, if needed, will be May 19. See [website for full schedule](#).

Two SCU Girls Called to U-19 National Roster

Brooke Bollinger and Tiana Caffey were called up for the U.S. Under-19 Women's National Team training camp March 25 - April 1. Brooke and Tiana are eligible for the team that will attempt to qualify for the 2018 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup to be held in France.

The two were roommates at the training camp in Sunrise, Florida. They played a friendly against the University of Florida Gators on Friday, March 31st in Winter Springs to finish the school's spring action.

Director of Coaching Scott Armstrong said, "I cannot be more proud to see two girls from our Club recognized for their skill and determination. Seeing two players on one national roster is very exciting and demonstrates the strength of the programs we are developing at Space Coast United."



Q: Which goal-keeper can jump higher than a crossbar?

A: *All of them, a crossbar can't jump!*

Q: Why don't grasshoppers watch soccer?

A: *They watch cricket instead.*

New Board Members to be Installed at April Meeting

On January 31, Space Coast United Soccer began soliciting candidates to run for open positions on the Board of Directors with information due by February 20.

As of our business meeting on March 01, the number of candidates equaled the number of vacancies on the board. As all of the candidates easily met and exceeded the qualifications for board service per section 4.3 "Qualifications for Office" of our bylaws, the board felt it appropriate to execute section 4.1 "Filling of Vacancies" rather than section 4.4 "Election of Directors." We anticipate a competitive election next year for the director positions that expire in 2018. We encourage anyone who might be interested to reach out to the board at any time throughout the year for information regarding the obligations and realities of board service.

We are confident these six gentlemen will serve the interests of our members extremely well as they possess a range of talents and skills necessary to effectively govern Space Coast United Soccer Club.

Willie Daffron and Derek Sichler have accepted immediate positions to fill two vacancies created by a recent expansion of the board. Kevin Koegel returns to the board for a second term that begins in April. Rob Goyer, Rob Kodski, and Todd Snowden will be installed and begin their terms at our April 19 meeting when the board will also elect officers for 2017-18.

Click [here](#) to learn more about our newest board members. We are sure you will agree they are going to be valuable additions to the board. When you see these gentlemen at the fields, please join us in congratulating them and thanking them for their service to the Club.



Spring Break Camps

Space Coast United has several camps to choose from this year during spring break. Check out our [Website](#) for more information and to register!

April 10—13 1v1 Camp (7U—14U) at Viera Regional Fields
9 am—12 pm \$110

April 10—13 Mini-Camp (4U—6U) at Viera Regional Fields
9 am—10:30 am \$79

Be on the lookout around May for information regarding Summer Camp opportunities for both participants and volunteers who knew community service hours. Check either upcoming issues of The Storm Watch or the official Space Coast United facebook page.





Coaching Achievements

Potier Earns Advanced National Goalkeeping Diploma

Over the Holiday Break our Director of Goalkeeping, Mike Potier, attended the NSCAA Advanced National Goalkeeper Course. He scored in the top 5 out of 24 GK coaches from across the country and Canada. This course is the top goalkeeper course offered within the NSCAA course programs and is only offered twice a year. Due to his experience, Mike was granted a special waiver by NSCAA Gk Director Tony DiCicco to attend the National Course without the pre-requisite levels I, II, and III GK courses.



The Advanced National Goalkeeping Diploma is one of the most comprehensive goalkeeping courses for goalkeeper coaches anywhere in the world. The week long course is focused on training Elite GK's at the Collegiate or Professional Level.

Lectures on all aspects of advanced positioning, communication, goalkeeper psychology, fitness and methodology for training goalkeepers were addressed. Field sessions dealt with the following topics: basic to advanced handling, resolving the through-ball and breakaway saves. All aspects of flank attacks, commanding the penalty area and how to win the space behind the defense was covered. Training the team and goalkeeper on back pass situations and developing the goalkeeper's ability to distribute was also covered. Lastly, the course dealt with how to train goalkeepers to cover the space behind them when they are extended, coaching coaches to teach goalkeepers how to read the game, how to organize the defense and how to control game tempo.

Congratulations Coach Potier!

Twelvetrees & Daffron Earn USSF B License

Continuing to uphold Space Coast's tradition of having professional, well-credentialed, and superbly-capable coaching staff, both Oliver Twelvetrees (L), coach for the U16 Boys Travel team and Willie Daffron (R), assistant coach for the U15 Boys Travel team both earned their USSF B License in January. According to Coach Twelvetrees, *"Working at SCU has been a fantastic move for me. The club is extremely professional in every way, it places high demands on both its players and coaching staff. We are all held accountable for player development. There are no short cuts to success on and off the pitch and SCU is a place where players are able to develop into the player and person they strive to be. This is a club that players really feel a part of and truly have a club first mentality. The coaching and support staff are great, always willing to work together for the common goal of player and team development."*



Oliver Twelvetrees
Head Coach
U16 Boys Travel



Willie Daffron
Assistant Coach
U15 Boys Travel

Congratulations, gentlemen!



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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!"

April Fool's!

Ann Fuller and Susan Eaton had a blast putting together the NanoKicker and Fetal Kicker programs for Space Coast United announced on April 1st. Alas, we can't actually provide programming for children this young as much as we'd love to. We really appreciate our models, Jacqi Hughes, Jackson Lee Daniels, and Abner Miller. The images pulled the page together nicely. While not live on the site, you can still see the page if you visit this [link](#).

Everyone's favorite punchline seemed to be, "Audio download of coaching instruction from Scott Armstrong, Rob Dinnie, and Dean Flexton so the baby will become accustomed to being coached by someone with an accent." Ann told us she was inspired to include that because of all the phone calls she's had with our DOCs where she had to respond, "Sorry, could you repeat that?"



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

Goalkeeper Academy
Ages 9-19

TOPSoccer
Ages 4-19

Youth Soccer Websites

[Florida Youth Soccer Association](#)

[National Premier Leagues](#)

[US Youth Soccer](#)

[Brevard Youth Soccer League](#)

[Greater Central Florida Youth Soccer League](#)