We're continually working on developing the newsletter to make it more informative to what's happening in the club, from games and tournaments our club's teams are involved in, to other activities those involved in our club are participating in. We also plan to update or reintroduce you to players with FFC times who are now playing in college, minor leagues or professional league.

If you think of something you'd like to see in the newsletter, let us know and we'll see whether it's something we'd be willing and able to add. You can email ideas to tleiss@fredericksburgfc.org.

MAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Clubs from FFC participated in two tournaments over the Memorial Day weekend to close out the club’s Spring tournament season. Below Champions and Finalists from the Virginia Elite Soccer Tournament in Leesburg, the Williamsburg Invitational and the Columbia (Md.) Invitational.

VIRGINIAN ELITE SOCCER TOURNAMENT

FFC 04 Boys Red - CHAMPION
FFC 09 Girls Black - CHAMPION
U14 Premier Bronze (4 - 0 - 0 | 11 GF / 2 GA)

FFC 05 Girls Black - **CHAMPION**
U13 Premier Silver East (3 - 0 - 1 | 12 GF / 1 GA)

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U9 Premier Bronze (5 - 0 - 0 | 12 GF / 5 GA)

WILLIAMSBURG INVITATIONAL

**FFC 05 Boys Red - Runner-up**
U13 Boys Silver (2 - 2 - 0 | 6 GF / 9 GA)

**FFC 08 Girls Black - **CHAMPION**
U10 Girls Gold (3 - 0 - 1 | 14 GF / 3 GA)

SEE MORE IN AD BELOW

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Team Of The Month

For “Team of the Month” we hope to talk to one of our teams each month. To be featured here, your teams doesn’t necessarily have to win every game it plays. We want to feature those teams, as well as teams that represent the club well with how they play and train, support the community, improve from game to game and practice to practice, support each other and the club. If you know an FFC team that would be good to recognize here, email tleiss@fredericksburgfc.org.

This month’s team is the FFC 09 Girls Black coached by Jermaine Keller. The is coming off being crowned champions at the Virginian Elite Soccer Tournament in which they finished 5-0-0 to win the 09 Girls Premier Bronze Division at Morven Park in Lessburg, Va.

RESULTS:
W, 3-1 - vs. Arlington 2009G Silver
W, 5-3 - vs. Loudoun 09 White
W, 2-1 - vs. Gunston 09 Red
W, 1-0 - vs. McLean Youth Soccer 2009 Girls White
W, 1-0 - FINAL: vs. Reston 09 Blue
Head coach Jermaine Keller said the team’s main goal this Spring season has not necessarily been focused the scoreline, but instead on improving with each practice and game. The Memorial Day weekend result was just a product of that.

“Playing as a team and working together, as well as playing aggressive brought us this outcome,” Keller said. “The ladies had to play five games to win the tournament and even though they started out slow, we were able to win each game and get better each day.”

The group has shown an outstanding willingness to learn and have fun when the time comes according to Keller, something that has helped them improve quickly since the team first came together.

“Many of these ladies, have just started playing soccer this past Fall and the turnover and improvement has been incredible,” he said. “They worked really hard all season.”

While they do work hard on the field, they’ve also grown close off the field as well Keller expressed.

“They hang out and have fun,” he said. “They love chatting with each other and having fun, especially on overnight trips.”

Sometimes they actually work so hard what they are doing actually slips their mind like one entertaining moment Keller recalled from the FFC St. Patrick’s Day tournament earlier this Spring.

“This is the second tournament that they won. At our first tournament, the ladies played so hard and had so much fun that they did not realize they actually won the game,” he said. “It was a special and fun moment for me as a coach and for them as a team.”

In Other News . . .

FFC PLAYERS STILL ALIVE IN THEIR HIGH SCHOOL STATE PLAYOFFS

Numerous FFC players have helped their respective high school teams reach the state playoffs this Spring season, while many others help their teams on the field this season.
On the way to earning berths into their state tournaments, players from the Riverbend girls team also captured a Region Championship.

We tried to catch everybody, but if we missed you, or your son or daughter, please email tleiss@fredericksburgfc.org with your name, school and which FFC team you play for.

Here’s a list of play still playing:

**GIRLS**

- **Riverbend Girls - VHSL Class 6**: KK Butcher (U19), Gracie Trit (U19), Mackenzie Burns (U19), Shelley Winebarger (U19), Jamie Hoover (U16), Madeline Hummel (U16), Nicole Koch (U16), Taylor Seal (U16), Kaitlyn Riggleman (U16), Charlotte Patton (U15), Lauren Peyton (U15), Allyson Juarez (U15)
- **Mountain View Girls - VHSL Class 5**: Catherine Dittmer (U15)
- **Courtland Girls - VHSL Class 4**: Erin Flamm (U19), Rowan Geukgeuzian (U19), Kaitlyn Ignudo (U19), Kylie Reid (U16)
- **St. Catherine’s Girls - VISAA Division I Runner-up**: Lilly Marcia (FFC U19)
- **Saint John Paul the Great Girls - VISAA Division I quarterfinalists**: Natalia Colon-Gonzalez

**BOYS**

- **Mountain View Boys - VHSL Class 5**: David Dittmer (U19 Red), Christian Solorzano (U16), Jonathan Krob (U15)
- **Chancellor Boys - VHSL Class 4**: Daniel Graves (U18 Black), Chris Irby (U18 Black), Josh Reid (U18 Black), Clayton Wheeler (U18 Black)

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**ONE MORE WEEKEND!!**

**SPRING 2018**

**Registration Open**

FREE program to players with disabilities

BUDDIES also needed weekly

Open to athletes 4-20+

SUNDAY SESSIONS
Running April 7 - June 9

More Info: www.fredericksburgfc.org
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Participants may register for any session. It is not required to participate in every week’s session. CLICK HERE for more info or to Register.

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**GETTING TO KNOW . . .**

Along with meeting some of our player, we also want you to get to know our Fredericksburg FC staff better. In this series, we hope to talk to one member of the FFC staff, be it a coach, an administrator, a volunteer, etc., so that you can get to know the people you may regularly see or talk to, but may never have learned much about.

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**ALEXANDRE JOSEPH REBEIZ**

A.K.A.: Coach Alex  
**Age:** 43 (DOB: August 26, 1974)  
**Hometown:** Mbour, Senegal  
**Title(s):** CCL Pro23 Women’s Assistant Coach; Head Coach for the 2006 and 2007 Black Boys teams  
**Started with FFC:** April 2018  
**College:** Graduated from Lycee Demba Diop, which is in Mbour, Senegal, in school year 95/96 with a Bachelor of General Study Serie A.


**What is your coaching experience?**  
What is your playing experience?
Played Toure Kunda of Mbour (Senegal); Selected on the U16 Senegalese National Team; Played for Stade de Mbour Junior Team; Played for College of Lycee Demba Diop of Mbour (Senegal); Played Coed Adult Nationals with Team Neptune Virginia Beach (2006-2013) and with Manhattan Celtic (Cosmopolitan Soccer League) while living in New York (2017).

What made you first get involved in soccer?
I fell in love with soccer when I received my first real soccer ball as a gift when I was 6 years old. In Senegal, soccer is one of the main sports; every neighborhood has their own team and your dream is one day to represent your neighborhood.

What made you want to start coaching?
A friend of mine was coaching a U14G team in VA beach and asked me if I wanted to come help with his team since he knew I was passionate about the game and enjoyed playing. As soon as I began coaching, I was caught. I knew that even though my dreams of being a professional player were a bit out of my reach, I could still invest my time in helping build the careers and aspirations of the next generation of soccer players.

What would you say was the biggest thing that helped you during your playing career?
My dad wasn’t the biggest fan of soccer, but his best friend believed in me and had my back. He took me to practice and made sure I got to any team meetings, practices and games on time. This gave me all of the support I could of wished for at that time. If it wasn’t for him I don’t think I would have had the great experience of playing and would not have grown into the coach I am today.

Who was your biggest influence in your playing career?
Diego Maradona and Alain Giresse. Maradona was my idol and was fun to watch taking players on, but Giresse was more like me, short and fast so I had to watch him as well to mimic his movement on and off the ball. Throughout my players years with Toure Kunda of Mbour my nickname was Giresse.

Who is your biggest influence in your coaching career?
Sadio Demba Coach Royal White Star Bruxelles (Belgium)
What’s your favorite drill and why?
Anything where techniques and tactics can be taught.

What is your best memory from your playing days?
Scoring the winning goals of our coed national team Team Neptune in New Mexico.

What is your best memory from coaching?
Taking my first team from getting beat down every weekend in our first season to becoming one of the best teams in the ODU Soccer Club.

Is there anything you’d like to share about your family?
I have been married for almost nine years to my wife Vlada Rebeiz and we have a 20 month old daughter named Amelia Rebeiz.

Is there anything else about yourself you’d like to share?
As my wife jokes, soccer is my first love, and as a coach I like nothing better than to help nurture and develop the dreams and skills of up and coming players. I am looking forward to helping make a difference and getting to know the players of FFC!

Who’s your favorite professional player past or present?
Maradona

Who’s your favorite professional soccer team and why?
Chelsea because I like to root for the underdog . . . because growing up everybody was a Man United fan.

What’s your favorite food?
Thiebou jen, a Senegalese national dish which includes fish and rice.

What’s your favorite movie?
Most Jason Statham movies, but especially the Transporter series.

What’s your favorite kind of music?
Reggae

What do you like to do other than soccer?
Spending time with my wife and daughter or playing tennis.

If they did a movie about your life, what actor would play you?
Idris Elba
**VIRGINIA SUMMER SHOWCASE**

*Hosted by Fredericksburg FC*

Friday - Sunday, August 3 - 5  
At FFC Park

**THE BASICS**

**NORMAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
Before July 5, 2018  
Age Groups: 2004-2000 Boys & Girls Divisions  
2005 Boys & Girls - Fee $900  
2004 - 2003 Boys & Girls - Fee $925  
2002 - 2000 Boys and Girls - Fee $950

For more information:  
tournamentdirector@fredericksburgfc.org

**LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
After July 23, 2018  
Late Registration Fee $1,150 *All Age Groups


CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE TOURNAMENT WEBSITE

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**FFC IN THE PROS**

FFC Players in the Pros will take a look at former members of Fredericksburg FC youth or adult teams that are currently or had formerly played professionally follow their time with FFC. We'll talk to former youth team members, as well as NPSL and WPSL players about how their careers are going or went and how playing with FFC helped them reach or move closer to their playing goals.

**DAKOTA BARNATHAN (Swope Park Rangers - USL)**

6’2” - 185 lbs. - Age: 23 (11/9/94) - Birthplace/Hometown: Massapequa, N.Y. - College: Virginia Commonwealth (‘16) - Member of FFC: 2014 - Was a standout in the team’s defensive midfield in 2017, but has yet to see action in 2018.
KHARLTON BELMAR (Swope Park Rangers - USL, Sporting Kansas City - MLS)

5’11” - 159 lbs - Age: 25 (12/1/92) - Birthplace/Hometown: Virginia Beach, Va. - College: Virginia Commonwealth ('14) - Member of FFC: 2013 - In just 8 games played, Belmar still leads the United Soccer League in goals scored (8), while leading the team in shots (17) and shots on target (11), and is tied for second in assists (2). Rangers are currently 5-3-4 and sitting in seventh place in USL’s Western Conference standings.

ERIC BIRD (Houston Dynamo - MLS)

5’9” - 174 lbs - Age: 25 (4/8/93) - Birthplace/Hometown: Virginia Beach, Va. - College: Virginia ('14) - Member of FFC: 2014 - Earned his first start this past weekend, going the full 90 minutes in the Dynamo’s 1-0 loss at Montreal. Bird has dress for several games since April 21 since joined the club from the Philadelphia Union in the off-season. Houston are currently 5-5-3 and sit in seventh place in MLS’s Western Conference Standings.

ZACH CARROLL (Reno 1868 FC - USL)

6’3” - 185 lbs - Age: 23 (3/16/94) - Hometown: Grand Blanc, Mich. - College: Virginia ('13), transferred from Michigan - Member of FFC: 2013 - Has played in 10 games, starting 8 for Reno after joining the club when Orlando City B folded in the off-season. He’s headed home one goal in 797 minutes played, while being one of the club’s top defenders, particularly in clearances and duels won. Reno are currently 5-3-5 and sitting one spot ahead of Rangers in sixth place in the USL’s Western Conference Standings.

CHRISTIAN RODRIGUEZ (Tulsa Roughnecks FC - USL)

5’6” - 150 lbs - Age: 22 (9/12/95) - Hometown: Alexandria, Va. - College: None (Played with C.D. FAS in El Salvador) - Member of FFC: 2014 - Missed much of the beginning of the season due to a quad injury. Rodriguez has yet to see any USL action for the Roughnecks, but made his debut in the club’s May 16 U.S. Open Cup Second-Round game, a 4-3 stoppage-time setback against FC Wichita. After starting the season 0-3-0 following an off-season restructuring, Tulsa has gone 0-2-7 and are 0-5-7 overall and are in last place in the USL’s Western Conference standings.
TODD WHARTON (Rio Grande Valley FC - USL)
6’0” - 170 lbs - Age: 24 (2/8/94) - Birthplace/Hometown: Richmond, Va. - College: Virginia (‘15) - Member of FFC: 2013-14 - In his season season with RGV, Wharton has earned the captaincy from the squad, and is the only player on the team to start all 11 of the team's games, playing the full 90 in each. Wharton has two goals and two assists, and is at or near the top of nearly every passing statistic for the club.

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Lost & Found

The club has collected lots of items in out lost and found, including jerseys, shorts, balls, bags, jackets and more.
If you’ve lost something, the lost and found is located at the FFC Office (510 Westwood Office Park, Fredericksburg, VA 22401)

You may also contact the office at:

- officeadmin@fredericksburgfc.org
- (540) 368-5425

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**Camps & Clinics**

**Don’t miss out on FFC’s 2018 Camps Series**

The club will be hosting a series of camps throughout the year, camps will vary from Recreational-Level Camp to Travel-Player-Level Camps. All camps will be led by FFC Technical Staff and licensed Coaching Staff.

The camps are open to all players, regardless of club affiliation. We want players who are interested in getting better.

The Fredericksburg FC Camp Series is a Player Development Program focused completely on individual development over the course of the camp. All players are challenged in a fun environment that stresses skills development and creative problem solving. Important habits and skills are developed at an early age and will need to be crafted as players age and our camps follow this philosophy.

Each group will be broken into groups based on age and skill level. These camp sessions are highly recommended for players of all levels.

**Click Here for complete info on the FFC website.**

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**FFC SUMMER CAMP SERIES**
*(Registration is always ongoing in most programs. Visit fredericksburgfc.org for more info.)*

**Click on the program title for more information.**

- **FULL-DAY CAMP**: Ages: U5-U15. July 16 - 19, 2018, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at FFC Park. Cost $175. Contact: officeadmin@fredericksburgfc.org.

● **HALF-DAY CAMP**: Ages: U7-U14. August 6 - 9, 2018, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., at FFC Park. Cost $125. Contact: officeadmin@fredericksburgfc.org.

● **STRIKER AND FINISHING CAMP**: Ages: U9-U16. August 6 - 9, 2018, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., at FFC Park. Cost $125. Contact: officeadmin@fredericksburgfc.org.

● **PREMIER PRESEASON CAMP**: Ages: U9-U19. August 6 - 9, 2018, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., at FFC Park. Cost $150. Contact: officeadmin@fredericksburgfc.org.

● **GOALKEEPER CAMP**: Ages: U9-U16. August 6 - 9, 2018, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., at FFC Park. Cost $125. Contact: officeadmin@fredericksburgfc.org.

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