



Heatwave Herald

LFSC Newsletter

LAST WEEK AT THE FIRE

News & Information

We hope everyone had a safe and successful Mardi Gras break. We cannot wait to get everyone back on the fields. As we return to play, remember that there is some of the highest level soccer on TV, Champions League, to enjoy and learn from too.

This week we will be hosting the 'Big Easy Invitational Tournament' for boys and girls. This tournament has over 125 teams registered and promises to be a wonderful occasion for our membership. Good luck to everyone!

Our 2011 Boys, along with Coach Stu and Coach Matt, returned from England where they spent the Mardi Gras week playing, watching and learning from soccer (well actually football) experts. Read and see more in the newsletter.

The cat is out of the bag. Louisiana Fire has joined the ECNL structure where we will compete at both the regional level and the national level. More info on the ECNL and ECNL RL can be found in this newsletter.



Meet Director: Stuart Hayers

Current Team: 2014 Red Boys

Number of years with club: 12

Nationality: British

Favorite professional team: Crystal Palace

Favorite Player: David Beckham

Role at LFSC: Foundation Phase Director, Head of Business Development, 2014 CP Red Boys Coach

Playing background: Represented Great Britain in the 2009 World Games. NCAA Lynn University All American. CCFC.

Coaching credentials: UEFA B, BSC Sports Coaching, USL 2 Head Coach Baton Rouge Capitals. Holy Cross School Director of Soccer.

Advice to Players: You have to hate losing more than you love winning, but remember that no one remembers your results when you are a kid, just work on developing and focus on the fundamentals.

Interesting Fact: Can be found in FIFA 2003 video game



TEAM OF THE WEEK - 2016 GIRLS WOODROOF



Coach Woody's 2016 girls had a strong weekend, defeating Covington FC 2016G Gold and Nola Jesters 2016G by a combined score of 8-1. The girls spread the ball around with five different players scoring against CFC from all positions in the attack, demonstrating both their individual skill and commitment to team tactics. Anna Delahoussaye led all scorers on the weekend with 3 goals and Lena Giorlando, Cecelia Garner, Cecelia Block, Elin List, and Sawyer Jones all contributed one goal each. The defense also shined, allowing no goals from the run of play, conceding only 1 goal on a PK on the weekend. The victories continue a strong run over the last month for the girls, who are now 5-1-1 in their last seven matches against 2015 and 2016 competition.

TEAM OF THE WEEK - 2014 LP NAVY BOYS



LA Fire 14 LP Navy Boys made a statement at the Red Stick Tournament in Baton Rouge, competing in the top 2014 bracket and delivering a championship-winning performance. The team battled through three tough matches, coming away with three victories while posting an incredible defensive shutout—allowing zero goals the entire tournament. Their success was a true team effort, with every player stepping up and the defense leading the way. This impressive run is a reflection of the hard work and dedication these players bring to training each week, continually pushing themselves to improve and compete at the highest level.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

KORI SPIVEY 2014 LP NAVY BOYS DEFENDER



Kori Spivey played a key role in LA Fire 14B LP Navy's dominant defensive performance at the Red Stick Tournament in Baton Rouge this past weekend. His lockdown defense and relentless effort helped secure three victories and a championship while keeping a perfect shutout across all matches. Kori is the definition of consistency—quietly handling business on and off the field without flash, just pure hard work and determination. A cornerstone of the team's exceptional defense all season, he remains calm under pressure and always brings high intensity when it matters most. His leadership and commitment continue to make a huge impact for his team.

QUINN TOOMEY 2013 RED GIRLS DEFENDER



The 13G Red team opened their spring league play with two games this weekend. A 2-2 draw on Saturday was followed on Sunday with a 3-1 win against top competitor Krewe Rush. Defender Quinn Toomey scored two goals over the weekend, an impressive feat for a defender at any level. Not only did Quinn help put points on the board, she was also pivotal in keeping some of the league's top attacking teams at bay for the majority of the weekend. Quinn is a team favorite with a great attitude and love of the game.

Manager Spotlight

Meet Manager: Justim Seale

Teams: 2014 CP Red Boys

Justin is in his first season as a manager and is doing an incredible job for his team, coach, players, and parents. Justin was coerced into the vacant role and has gone above and beyond to ensure everyone has a professional experience. Often found at the Cross Fit gym, Justin is a competitor, making sure his wife Amanda never beats him in a game of tennis. Justin's son Merrick Seale is a star athlete that plays either fullback or winger for Coach Stu.



Justin Seale and wife Amanda Seale



Merrick Seale 2014 CP Red Boys



Global Results

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE KNOCKOUT

1ST LEG

MAR 4TH & 5TH

PSV Eindhoven 1 - 7 Arsenal

Club Brugge 1 - 3 Aston Villa

Dortmund 1 - 1 Lille

Real Madrid 2 - 1 Atletico Madrid

Feyenoord 0 - 2 Inter

Bayern Munchen 3 - 0 Leverkusen

Benfica 0 - 1 Barcelona

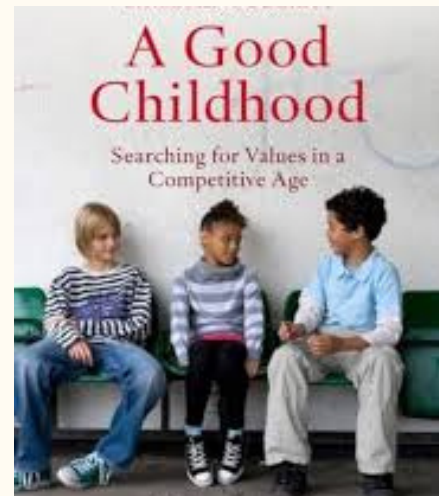
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Coaches Corner

COACH STU HAYERS

BOOK RECCOMENDATION



This book, which is a result of a two year investigation by the Children's Society and draws upon the work of the UK's leading experts in many fields, explores the main stresses and influences to which every child is exposed - family, friends, youth culture, values, and schooling, and will make recommendations as to how we can improve the upbringing of our children.

It's a great read to help understand the importance, and skillset, of developing children.

What's Happening at LFSC

CURRENT EVENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

LFSC TRYOUTS for 2025-26 Season

Tryout dates are being finalized for all our teams, age groups, and programs in the next week.

We will have tryouts for our ECNL boys' teams, ECNL-RL, Competitive Development, and all club teams for boys and girls. Those dates will be released shortly and will be hosted predominantly at Lafreniere Park with some dates potentially being at City Park Fields.

Summer Camp Dates 2025

Camp Directors Keir and Stu are about to release the club's summer camp schedule. The LFSC summer camps, operated by our LFSC coaches, are designed to keep the players touching the ball in a safe and professional environment during the off-season.

We will also be releasing our third party camp calendar, so stay tuned.

All camp info will be made available through Playmetrics.



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Louisiana Fire SC Selected for Prestigious National League

ABOUT THE ELITE CLUBS NATIONAL LEAGUE (ECNL)

The ECNL is the nation's leading youth soccer development platform. The ECNL respects and celebrates the unique individuality of every youth soccer player and club, supporting and enabling them to unleash their unfettered passion and fierce tenacity in striving to achieve their potential.

The ECNL'S mission to Raise the Game is a total commitment to create the best possible environment for players, coaches, referees, and administrators, with a determination to constantly question convention and challenge the status quo in youth sports.

As a new addition to the League, LFSC are the first, and only, Louisiana-based club to have been awarded ECNL status.

WHY ECNL?

LFSC leadership took a long look at the talent and resources available to us, and made the bold decision to compete at the National level as a stand-alone club. We are motivated to provide our players with the highest level of youth soccer that the country has to offer.



Read the ECNL press releases here - just click on each picture

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

We will be hosting a club-wide Zoom to answer any questions and outline the new structure of the clubs programming in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for more info.



2011 LFSC and TDP tour to the UK with 'The Soccer Tours'

Coach Matt and Coach Stu were lucky enough to chaperone the 2011 LFSC and 2011 TDP boys on the trip of a lifetime to the UK.

The boys had over a week to take in the sights and sounds of England. They enjoyed training sessions with professional coaches from Manchester United, Rochdale, and England's National Team. The players and their families were treated to historical sights and landmarks from castles in the Midlands, to Tudor style homes and Roman Amphitheaters' in Chester, to modern marvels in London and Manchester.

Whilst on tour, both teams got to play some high level English Academies, as well as playing against the England North Schoolboys team, a moment they'll never forget. Both teams started the week with wins against Stoke's Development Academy teams, LFSC winning 4-0 and TDP winning 6-2. Next up was England Schools at the campus of Manchester Grammar School; LFSC tied 1-1 and TDP won 2-1. Finally, the lads played a very talented Chester Academy, with LFSC falling 1-3 and TDP tying 2-2.

The teams got to see three live games, QPR vs Sheffield United in the Championship, Bolton vs Birmingham in League One, and finally Crystal Palace vs Ipswich in the EPL (English Premier League). Several of the boys left the grounds with replica jerseys, a taste for steak & kidney pie, and a cup of hot Bovril.

During the week, they got to tour the grounds of two of the premier teams in the world, Old Trafford of Manchester United, and The Etihad of Manchester City.

Good food, fun, and brotherhood was had by all. Massive thank you to Coach Steven and Coach Lee, as well as 'The Soccer Tours' for putting on a fantastic tour and giving our boys memories that'll last a lifetime. See next page for pictures from the trip...







**LOUISIANA
CHILDREN'S
MUSEUM**

Louisiana Children's Museum Introduces Summer Mini Camps: Offsite Learning Adventures

NEW ORLEANS, La. – The Louisiana Children's Museum (LCM) is thrilled to announce its new summer mini camps series, designed to bring the magic of LCM's camp experiences directly to schools and community partners.

"We know how tough it can be to fill camp programming gaps or fight the summer brain drain during your summer enrichment camps and programs," said Mary Bongiovanni, Camp Director at LCM. "Our engaging mini camps are the perfect solution."

Led by LCM's experienced educators, these offsite adventures are jam-packed with hands-on activities that cover a wide range of subjects, from literacy and science to math and the arts. Perfect for packed camp schedules, mini camps offer a taste of the LCM experience.

Sample mini camps include:

Bubble-ology: Campers will explore the fascinating world of bubble science, uncovering the surprising math and science behind these mesmerizing shapes.

Aspiring Architects: Calling all aspiring engineers! "Aspiring Architects" dives into the world of design and engineering, where campers can learn the secrets of building sturdy bridges through hands-on projects.

Melody Makers: Experience the rhythm and soul of New Orleans with this interactive mini camp! Campers will craft their own DIY instruments and learn about the rich cultural traditions that make this music iconic.

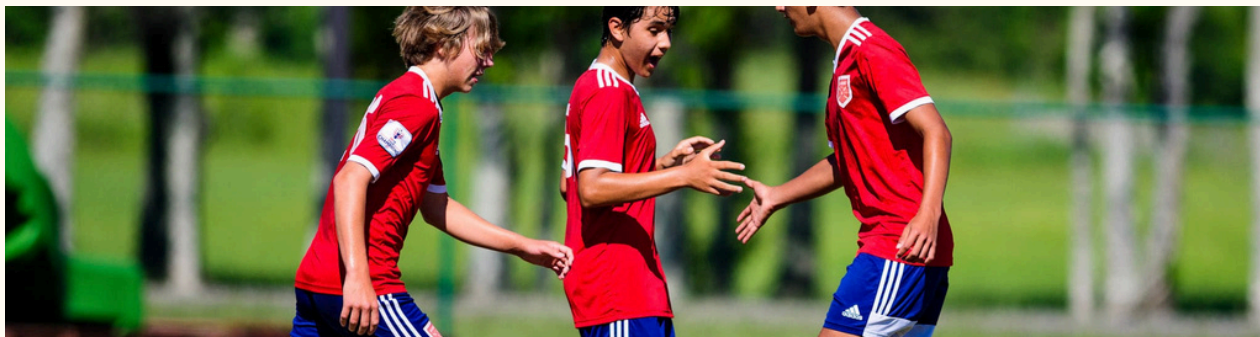
Bayou Biology: Embark on a wild adventure into the wonders of South Louisiana! Campers will discover the amazing local plants and animals and learn why it's important to protect them.

Mini camps offer a variety of benefits, including hands-on learning, creative exploration, team building, and outdoor exploration. Mini camps can also be customized to meet specific summer objectives. Space is limited.

Contact Mary Bongiovanni, Camp Director Louisiana Children's Museum,
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504.218.8164 for more information.

MORE INFO





LOUISIANA FIRE SOCCER CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

Our goal is to educate and develop our youth through the sport of soccer. We believe that soccer provides the best education in all of sports through teamwork, confidence, discipline, character, adversity, and on-field problem solving. We have created a "PATHWAY FOR ALL" concept that benefits all players, at all ages and at all stages of development.

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