

## Heatwave Herald

# LFSC Newsletter

#### LAST WEEK AT THE FIRE

#### **News and Results**

Our LFSC teams had a busy weekend, despite the inclement weather.



We had multiple teams competing in tournaments throughout the South. Deep South Challenge winners included 2014 Girls & 2014 LP Navy Boys. The 2014 LP Red Boys had a strong showing in the NIKE Division, finishing as runners up.

The 2008 Navy Boys had a standout weekend, winning their first tournament at the Cajun Classic. Congrats Coach Allan and the boys. After a PK shootout, the 2013 Red Girls finished as runners-up in the top division for their age group at the Publix SuperCup in Foley, AL. Coach David continues to do a great job leading this team.

In LCSL the 2013 CP White Boys toppled the Jesters, whilst Coach Russell's 09B Navy Boys won their LCSL game 5-2 against BRSC Red. Carter Hall had a hat trick and Finn Monahan had a brace.

#### Meet Coach: Al Silvas

Current team(s) coaching:14G LA Fire Red / 08G LA Fire Navy

Number of years with club: 29

Nationality: Italian / German / Native American Indian

Favorite professional team: Ajax

**Soccer role model:** Edwin Van Der Sar (I was a goalkeeper)

Best moment as LFSC coach: Seeing former players as adults and talking

about the past when they were younger at the club.

Playing background: Lafreniere SC / Brother Martin / UNO Club Coaching background:

- Louisiana Fire / LSA ODP / LA United
- Dominican High School State Champions & Coach of the Year 2011 & 2022
- New Orleans Shell Shockers PDL
- New Orleans Jesters PDL

Interesting fact: I started coaching when I was 17yrs old.

"I would take a team of workers over a team of talent" Al Silvas



## TEAMS OF THE WEEK 2014 RED GIRLS



#### **DEEP SOUTH CHALLENGE - 2014 GIRLS RED, U12 CHAMPIONS**

The 2014 Red Girls played up a year in the 2013 division. The first game was a walkover of Pascagoula 2013G, with a 10-0 score. The second game Saturday was a 4-2 victory against another 2014 team from the host club, SMSC. 2014 La Fire Red had a bye as the first seed to the finals on Sunday, where they played a game Bayou Houma 2013. The final score was 3-2, giving our 2014 Red Girls the tournament championship with a 17-4 goal total for the weekend. 2014 LFSC Red Girls is currently ranked 10th nationally by USA Rank in the UII age group. Amazing work Coach Al, and Assistant Coach Todd Weidenbacher.

#### 2014 LP NAVY BOYS



#### **DEEP SOUTH CHALLENGE - 2014 LP NAVY BOYS, U12 CHAMPIONS**

2014 LP Navy Boys were crowned champions at the Deep South challenge this weekend with a 20+ goal differential. Scoring 24 goals in 3 games, only conceding 3. Coach Paul and the team have had a great start to the season. This team never shies away from a challenge, seeking out high level competition whenever they can.

#### 2008 NAVY BOYS



#### **CAJUN CLASSIC - 2008 NAVY BOYS, U17 CHAMPIONS**

The 2008 Navy Boys had an incredible experience at the 2024 Lafayette Cajun Classic, where they showcased their skill, leadership, and teamwork. On Saturday, they dominated the field, winning both games and securing a well-deserved spot in Sunday's final. The competition was tough, but the boys' dedication and unwavering team morale gave them the edge. The final was a battle to the end, and it all came down to a penalty kick shootout. With trust in each other and cool heads under pressure, the team came through and claimed victory. For many of the players, this was their first tournament medal, making the win even more special and memorable. It was a true testament to this team's leadership, dedication, and collective spirit in overcoming every challenge.

#### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



## BRENNAN SCHNELLER 2013 CP WHITE BOYS

Brennan Schneller had 3 goals and assist this weekend over two games.

Brennan is a true leader on and off the field for the team, showing great sportsmanship and leadership as well as a high soccer IQ. Two goals and assist in the 13 CP White Boys' first league game on Sunday against the Jesters leading to a 4-1 win. (Coach JD)

#### ANNIE BURKE 2013 RED GIRLS

Annie Burke is the definition of a versatile player. She is equally as successful whether playing on the backline, midfield, striker, or wing. It's not uncommon to find her in each of these positions over a long tournament weekend, as was the case this past weekend at the Publix Supercup. Her versatility is matched by exceptionally skilled footwork, assertiveness, and speed. In what turned out to be an incredibly challenging division with lowscore games, she contributed one assist and two goals over the weekend. One of those goals was scored on a breakaway where she faced the keeper 1 on 1, drew out the keeper, calmly took her touch, and scored a banger. This helped move the LFSC 2013 Red Girls to the championship game.



## PIERCE WILKINSON 2014 LP RED BOYS

Pierce, although relatively new to the position, has shown tremendous growth throughout the early part of the season and appears to be getting better and more comfortable with each game. He is calm and confident and brings a good level of athleticism to the position. His time spent as a field player has allowed him the ability to play the ball out of the back with his feet when needed. This weekend he only allowed 3 goals and had multiple highlight reel saves including an incredible effort on a PK where he dove, sending the ball over the goal for an amazing save.



## **Upcoming Games**

AT TIME OF PRINTING THE FOLLOWING TEAMS ARE COMPETING THIS WEEKEND
\*\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*

LCSL	LCSL CONTINUED
2014 B CP GOLD	2011 B RED
2014 B LP NAVY	2011 G RED
2014 B CP WHITE	2010 B WHITE
2014 B CP RED	2010 B RED
2014 B LP RED	2009 G RED
2013 B CP RED	2009 B WHITE
2013 B LP RED	2008 G NAVY
2013 B CP WHITE	2006/07 G RED

**Ascension Tournament - Gonzalez** Mid South - Mandeville 2013 G NAVY 2009 B RED

2015 G Dubuisson

Competitive Development - PSL - STYSA

All 2015/16 teams competing

GOOD LUCK TO ALL LFSC TEAMS THIS WEEKEND



#### **Global Results**

**UEFA NATIONS LEAGUE** 

SEPT 7TH - SEPT 9TH

Ireland 0 - 2 England

USA 1 - 2 Canada

Germany 5 - 0 Hungary

Netherlands 5 - 2 Bosnia & Herzegovina

Croatia 1 - 0 Poland

Portugal 2 - 1 Scotland

Switzerland 1 - 4 Spain

France 2 - 0 Belgium

Israel 1 - 2 Itlay

## **Coaches Corner**

MANAGER ERIN TOOMEY
PODCAST RECOMMENDATION



A podcast focused on the women's game.

Sam is joined by Gotham and Germany goalkeeper Ann-Katrin Berger to discuss her recent heroics as Germany took home bronze in Paris, her move to the NWSL with Gotham, and the incredible story of how she has beaten cancer twice.

Ep: 09/05/24

LINK TO FOTMOB

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## What's Happening at LFSC

#### **CURRENT EVENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**



#### HURRICANE FRANCINE UPDATE

TUESDAY - ALL PRACTICES WILL BE CANCELED IN ORDER TO ALLOW FAMILIES TO MAKE THE BEST POSSIBLE DECISIONS IN A TIMELY MANNER.

WEDNESDAY - ALL PRACTICES ARE CANCELLED.

THURSDAY - WE WILL EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL FOR THURSDAY NIGHT TRAINING, HOWEVER, OUR BIG HURDLES WILL BE FIELD CONDITIONS AFTER RAIN AND DEBRIS FALLING, AS WELL AS THE POTENTIAL FOR PARKS TO BE USED BY THE PARISH FOR STAGING EMERGENCY RESPONDERS OR DEBRIS COLLECTION POINTS.

WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE BACK OUT ON THE FIELDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE PLAN TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT EARLY THURSDAY MORNING AND ISSUE A CLUB WIDE UPDATE AS FAST AS WE CAN, INCLUDING ANY CONTINGENCY OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE WEEKEND GAME SCHEDULE.

#### GOALKEEPER TRAINING: TRAIN WITH COACH SAUL

MON: CITY PARK 5:30-7 U10-U13 & 7-8:30 U14-U18 TUES: CITY PARK 5:30-7 U10-U13 & 7-8:30 U14-U18 WED: LAFRENIERE PARK 4:30-5:30 U14-U18 & 5:30-6:30 U10-U13

THURS: CITY PARK 5:30-7 U10-U13 & 7-8:30 U14-U18

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LET'S CHAT!

# Bonus Hurricane Segment "What Would Coach Hugh Do?"

powered by Total 90

Coach Hugh Bartlett is the Competitive Development Program Director, and he coaches one of the 2015 Competitive Development teams.

Since he is of the most popular figures at the club, we thought we would ask Hugh what to do when things get tough, as he is rarely seen without a smile on his face.

Coach Hugh said, "As long as conditions are safe and there's a chance to play soccer, you know where you can find me and my team. It's my happy place. We adapted to the weather last week, making the most of a field that was absolutely flooded.

No shoes, no problem. The only rule was that you had to celebrate your goal with a slide.

That puddle never stood a chance."



Coach Hugh is the founder of 'Total 90,' a comprehensive soccer platform that offers a full range of services for soccer enthusiasts.

With a passion for the game and a focus on innovation, 'Total 90' boasts a popular Fantasy Soccer feature, allowing users to engage with the sport on a deeper level.

If you are looking for a soccer-related activity to do whilst training sessions are cancelled, check out all that 'Total 90' has to offer.







## 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.



### **Useful Links**

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## **HOLIDAY AUCTION**

SUPPORTING THE "LET THEM PLAY"
CAMPAIGN



We will be conducting a HOLIDAY 2024 auction to raise funds for our "LET THEM PLAY" CAMPAIGN.

We are asking families/teams to donate items for the auction.

- Gift Cards
- Food and Beverage
- Experiences
- Company SWAG
- · And everything in between

We will collect items through the end of the season (November 15th) and then make the items available for bid in the build up to Xmas (Ending December 13th).

Please fill out the google form to participate.



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