



Heatwave Herald

LFSC Newsletter

News & Information

In this week's edition of the Heatwave Herald...



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Meet Recreational Director: Eric Gresse

Name/Nickname: Big E

Current Team Coaching: Recreational Director

Number of Years with the Club: 13 years coaching & directing

Nationality: American

Favorite Professional Team: Too busy doing LFSC stuff to watch

Favorite Soccer Player: Pele

Playing Background: NA

Coaching Background: LFSC Staff Coach, E License, certified USSF referee

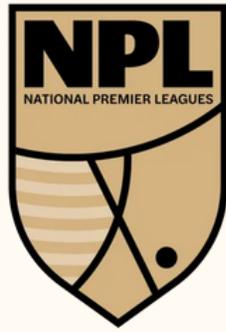
Favorite Movie: Field of Dreams

Advice for players: Work hard, and never give up on your dreams

Fun Fact: Son Mark, who is currently part of the Tulane

Football Equipment Staff, is the reason I am involved with soccer, and the reason i continue to serve the soccer community as best I can.





Congratulations to the following teams, players, and coaches as they proved their dominance in the Gulf South NPL Division and by doing so have now qualified for Nationals in Denver, CO in July. We are all so proud of your hard work and for representing the club so brilliantly.

U13 – 2013 Boys CP Red – Coach Michael White

U14 – 2011 Boys Red – Coach Matt Millet

U13 – 2012 Girls Red – Coach Ryan Hodkinson

U14 – 2011 Girls Red – Coach Matt Millet





Several of our teams have progressed to the Final weekend for Presidents Cup. Having competed this past weekend in Baton Rouge the teams have punched their tickets to this coming weekend, in Lafayette. Their dedication to competing, whilst maintaining the highest professional standards has contributed to their success. Congratulations to all the teams, not only those that progressed, but all LFSC that left it all on the field!

U14 - 2011 Boys Navy - Coach Randy Lee

U16 - 2009 Boys Navy - Coach Russell Cacho

U17 - 2008 Boys Navy - Coach Allan Castro

U17 - 2008 Boys Red - Coach Marvin Buendia

U13 - 2012 Girls Navy - Coach Corne Eksteen



Manager Spotlight

Meet Manager: Destiny Hihar

Team: 2014 CP Gold Boys

As a parent volunteer, Destiny Hihar has been an exceptional manager for the 2014 Boys Gold CP team and Coach Harry Mason. Destiny brings not only a deep commitment to the team, but also an incredible level of organization and attention to detail. She handles scheduling, communication, and logistics with efficiency and professionalism, always ensuring that parents, officials, and administrators are well-informed and supported.

For the last year, Destiny has been an invaluable partner to Coach Harry Mason. Her consistency, enthusiasm, and tireless dedication has helped to make a lasting impact on the team. Thank you, Destiny, for everything you do, your support means the world to the players and their families.



Destiny Hihar



The Hihar Kids, Wyatt, Lucy & Maro



Global Results

EPL & LA LIGA

MAY 2ND, 3RD & 4TH

Man City 1 - 0 Wolves

Arsenal 1 - 2 Bournemouth

Brentford 4 - 3 Man Utd

West Ham 1 - 1 Spurs

Chelsea 3 - 1 Liverpool

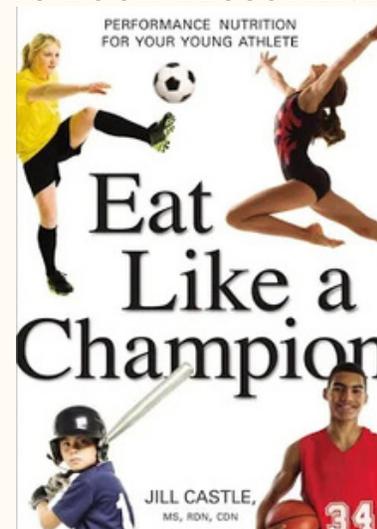
Real Madrid 3 - 2 Celta Vigo

Real Valladolid 1 - 2 Barcelona

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Coaches Corner

COACH STU BOOK RECCOMENDATION



Young athletes are losing energy when they should be increasing it, feeling deterred when they should be motivated, and decreasing muscle mass when they need it more than ever.

Fortunately, with the right nutrition, young athletes can increase their energy, bolster their motivation, gain muscle mass, overcome fatigue, and improve their performance.

This is a great read from nutritional expert, Jill Castle.

Coach's Corner – Champions League Final Preview

Hi everyone,

The stage is officially set for the 2025 UEFA Champions League Final: Inter Milan vs Paris Saint-Germain in Munich on May 31st. Two very different footballing identities, one massive prize on the line.

From a coaching perspective, this is a fascinating matchup. Inter Milan has quietly and effectively battled their way to the final, showing incredible organization, discipline, and belief. Their dramatic semi-final win over Barcelona showcased their maturity and tactical awareness—qualities we emphasize in our own training sessions.

On the other side, PSG has undergone a significant transformation. After the departures of high-profile stars like Kylian Mbappé, Lionel Messi, and Neymar, the team has embraced a more cohesive and youthful approach under manager Luis Enrique. Players like Ousmane Dembélé and Bradley Barcola have stepped up, bringing energy and creativity to the squad. Their journey to the final included impressive victories over top-tier clubs, reflecting a team that has found its rhythm and identity.

I think Inter Milan edges it. Finals are often decided by defensive structure, patience, and game management, and that's where Inter thrives. But if PSG scores early, it could open the floodgates. Regardless of who lifts the trophy, I encourage all our players and families to watch the final. It's a brilliant opportunity to see how the world's best players handle pressure, manage space, and execute tactics on the biggest stage. There's always something to learn.

See you at training,

Keir Hannity
Boys Director



What's Happening at LFSC

CURRENT EVENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

ECNL, ECRL Boys, Signature U11-U13 Boys & Girls Teams Announced

Player assignments have been sent for our High Performance boys' teams, as well as our Signature U11-U13 boys' and girls' teams. To be assigned a roster spot, you must have registered for player placements. If you have any questions regarding your placement, please reach out to the relevant Director. Remember, High Performance teams have 72hrs to respond to their invitation to guarantee their spot. Signature teams are expected to respond within 2 weeks of their invitations

Competitive Development Player Placements Rescheduled

- 2016 & 2017 Boys Tuesday May 13th Lafreniere Park Turf 5:30pm-7pm
- 2016 & 2017 Girls Wednesday May 14th City Park Fields 2 & 3. 5:30pm-7pm

High Performance Pathway Title Sponsor Opportunities

With the addition of our High Performance pathway, we are excited to announce new sponsorship opportunities.

As Louisiana's only ECNL club, we will be exponentially increasing our reach within the region and increasing the number of teams, and families, to the Greater New Orleans area.

All LFSC sponsorships go to our "Let Them Play" campaign, created to ensure we provide safe, affordable, and professional opportunities for EVERYONE to play the beautiful game.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of our High Performance programming, or any part of our club's structure, please reach out to **SHAYERS@LAFIRESOCCER.COM**.

"LFSC is a registered 501c3 non-profit providing a tax advantage, as sponsorship contributions may be tax-deductible, reducing taxable income while supporting a meaningful cause. Additionally, it enhances brand visibility and reputation, as sponsors are often recognized in marketing materials, events, and social media, aligning their brand with positive community impact. Sponsorship also creates community goodwill, showing commitment to social responsibility, which can foster customer loyalty and attract socially conscious consumers. For businesses, it can also lead to networking opportunities, connecting with other sponsors, community leaders, and potential customers. Lastly, it helps fulfill corporate social responsibility (CSR) goals, demonstrating a dedication to supporting youth development, sports, education, or other community initiatives".



Do You Want To Nominate Your



Coach For

‘Coach of the Year’?

*Great
job*

APPRECIATE
:you:

*Thank
You*

All you need to do is email

shayers@lafiresoccer.com

with your coach’s info and a
reason for your nomination!

Some of our favorite snaps from the week...





LOUISIANA FIRE SC FANS SHOW YOUR SPIRIT

GEAR UP & REPRESENT

Louisiana Fire Soccer Club
With our exclusive
spiritwear lineup!

Designed in your team's colors
& featuring a variety of bold designs,
our apparel lets you cheer
in comfort & style
— Whether you're in the stands
or on the go.



SHOP NOW & SHOW OFF YOUR TEAM PRIDE!

SHOP



SUMMER CAMPS 2025

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PLAYMETRICS REGISTRATION



DATES:

CLUB CAMP 1 – JUNE 3–5

CLUB CAMP 2 – JUNE 10–12

GIRLS ONLY CAMP – JUNE 16–18

CLUB CAMP 3 – JUNE 24–26

CLUB CAMP 4 – JUNE 30–JULY 2

3V3 TOURNAY – JULY 21–24

PRESEASON CAMP – AUG' 6–8

LOCATION: LAFRENIERE PARK TURF FIELDS

PRICING: FULL WEEK \$195, DAILY \$75

TIMES: 5:45pm–8:30pm

ALL AGES BOYS AND GIRLS

FOR CAMPS IN BLACK BOXES PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL FLYERS WITH INFORMATION

MORE INFO: WWW.LAFIRESOCCER.COM



GIRLS ONLY CAMP



GIRLS CAMP

DATES:

JUNE 16TH 17TH 18TH

Our Girls Only camp is just that, a camp designed for girls only. Our LFSC coaches will take the girls through a range of drills and games within a girls-only environment.

LOCATION: LAFRENIERE PARK TURF FIELDS

PRICING: FULL WEEK \$195, DAILY \$75

TIMES: 5:45pm-8:30pm

AGES: 7 YEARS OLD - 15 YEARS OLD

GIRLS ONLY!!!

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PLAYMETRICS REGISTRATION

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3V3 FLASH TOURNEY/CAMP



**DATES:
JULY 21ST 22TH 23TH 24TH**

This camp will focus on games games games! Players will be split into teams everyday and get to compete in small sided games.

LOCATION: City Park Marconi Fields

PRICING: FULL WEEK \$195, DAILY \$60

TIMES: 5:45pm-8pm

AGES: 7 YEARS OLD - 13YEARS OLD



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PRESEASON CAMP



DATES:

AUGUST 6TH 7TH 8TH

Preseason Camp is to get the players ready for the fall season. Get a head start on the competition with our inclusive camp that will prepare players physically and mentally for the season.



LOCATION: LAFRENIERE PARK TURF FIELDS

PRICING: FULL WEEK \$195, DAILY \$75

TIMES: 5:45pm-8:30pm

AGES: 9 YEARS OLD - 16 YEARS OLD

BOYS & GIRLS



PLAYMETRICS REGISTRATION

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2025-26

GIRLS PLAYER PLACEMENTS

ECNL-RL and COMPETITIVE

MAY 27 - 30 at LAFRENIERE TURF FIELDS

2007 **2008** **2009**

T/W May 27 and 28

4P - 5:30

2010

Th/F May 29 and 30

5:30P - 7

2011

T/W May 27 and 28

7P - 8:30

2012

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registration via playmetrics
lafiresoccer.com



LOUISIANA FIRE

**BOYS COMPETITIVE
U14 through U19
2025-26 PLAYER PLACEMENTS
May 27 through 30
LAFRENIERE TURF FIELDS**

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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.

[SEE FULL FIELD SCHEDULE](#)



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