



# Heatwave Herald

LFSC Newsletter *Mardi Gras* edition

## LAST WEEK AT THE FIRE

## News & Information

Coach Mark Dubisson & JuJu Stone, future MCA Cub class of 2034.



School soccer is over and club soccer is officially back! Welcome back to all and good luck with your Spring season.

At the high school level, we had over 30 current (or former) LFSC players win their respective State titles. We also had several of our coaches win State! In club news, we had several teams battle the elements at the Mardi Gras on the Coast tournament in Gulfport. Despite rainouts on Sunday, several of our 2014 & 2013 teams competed against stiff competition, winning the majority of their games. Congrats to all, and special mention to coach Paul Fournet's 2015/16 team that kicked some tail in their first competitive tournament as a pre competitive team!

Reminder to check your Playmetrics for Mardi Gras-related schedule changes. Despite a small break in on-field action, there are plenty of games to watch on TV with a full slate of EPL games midweek, and the English FA Cup this weekend.

And finally, stay tuned for some **HUGE** news from the club in the coming weeks! Together we grow, for the betterment of our players!

## Meet Director: Bobby Velasquez

**Current Role:** Girls Competitive Club Director & Girls GA Director

**Number of years with club:** 15 years

**Nationality:** Honduran

**Favorite professional team:** Manchester City

**Favorite Player:** Kevin De Bruyne

**Soccer role model:** Pep Guardiola

**Best moment as LFSC coach:** First tournament win with U9 YDP in 2015

**Playing background:** Woodmere Soccer Club, Nicholls State Club Team

**Coaching Background:** St. Martins Soccer Director, LFSC Director, Girls Academy Director

**Coaching credentials:** US Soccer C license

**Advice to Players:** "Play with heart, train with purpose, and leave it all on the field."

**Interesting Fact:** Both of Bobby's sons, Eamon & Reilly, have played for LFSC since being able to walk, and both recently graduated out of the program.



## TEAM OF THE WEEK - 2012 RED BOYS



The 2012 Red Boys had a great tournament result this the weekend in Birmingham, finishing as Finalists in the Vestavia Hills Invitational! Throughout the tournament, they showed exceptional teamwork and determination, nearly edging out their opponent in head-to-head play. In Round Robin play, the Championship was decided by goal differential alone. Despite falling short by one goal in the final, the team showed exceptional grit all the way to the end against a great Tennessee Soccer Club ECNL Team. Saturday saw them dispatch a Bayside Rush team 1-0, then a commanding 3-0 victory over the hosts Vestavia Hills SC. Defense was solid this weekend with several exceptional saves from their back line and guest goalkeeper Evan Seal. Way to go Coach Josh and the lads!

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## TEAM OF THE WEEK - 2010 RED BOYS



Coach Luis and the 2010 Red Boys made the daunting trip up I-10 to face a powerful LA Krewe in LCSL play on Saturday afternoon.

This game would end as a game for the ages in a nine-goal thriller. The game was back and forth. Despite falling behind 1-0 and then 4-3 the boys were able to rally scoring two beautiful goals to win the game 5-4, with Justus Bitho scoring the winner and standout player Evan Kelly scoring a free kick and a PK to earn a brace. "This was a huge win for the boys," said Coach Luis after an up and down Fall season.

Following the game, the boys faced another Krewe team in a friendly and came away with a 1-1 tie. Congrats on an undefeated road trip to the team!



## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### NOAH VELASQUEZ 2012 RED BOYS MIDFIELDER



Noah has truly stood out for his incredible performance, hard work, and dedication on the field. Noah showed exceptional technical skills and team leadership this past weekend at the Vestasvia Invitational Tournament. In the last game of the tournament, Noah worked very hard to get into the 18 yard box, and was able to draw a PK to tie the game with 5 minutes remaining. Noah has demonstrated that he is taking all the coaching points and applying them to his game play.

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### EVAN KELLY 2010 RED BOYS STRIKER

Evan Kelly returned from a strong high school season to lead his team to an important LCSL victory over arch nemesis LA Krewe Rush on Saturday.

Evan was the MVP of the game, with a stunning free kick and a penalty kick to help his team earn the victory. Coach Luis describes Evan as one of his most important players as he is as talented as he is hard working, a favorite amongst his peers and the coaches!



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### PARKER GIUFFRIA 2015/16 NAVY LP BOYS STRIKER

At the Mardi Gras on the Coast tournament in Gulfport, Mississippi, Parker Giuffria delivered an exceptional performance that combined outstanding individual skill with strong teamwork. In a tough bracket, Parker scored a hat trick in two competitive games, leading his team to a 4-2 win and a 4-1 victory. Parker's determination on the field inspired every player to step up, showcasing the depth of talent within the team. Despite the weather interrupting the championship match, the team's impressive run highlighted their resilience, teamwork, and commitment to the game.



# Manager Spotlight

## Meet Manager: Beau LeBlanc

### Teams: 2014 Red Girls & 2012 Navy Girls

Mr. LeBlanc has volunteered as a manager for our Fire girls for the last three years. He currently manages the 2012 Navy Girls and 2014 Red Girls, where his daughters Gigi and Vivienne play, who have both had an active fall calendar in league and tournament play and will do the same in the Spring. The players and parents on his teams laud him for his early scheduling and consistent communication.

Thanks Beau, for supporting our players!



Gigi LeBlanc 2014 Girls Red



Beau LeBlanc



Vivienne LeBlanc 2012 Girls Navy



## Global Results

### EPL & LA LIGA & INTERNATIONAL

#### FEB' 22ND & 23RD

Arsenal 0 - 1 West Ham  
Everton 2 - 2 Man Utd  
Ipswich 1 - 4 Spurs  
Aston Villa 2 - 1 Chelsea  
Newcastle 4 - 3 Notts Forest  
Man City 0 - 2 Liverpool  
Real Madrid 2 - 0 Girona  
Las Palmas 0 - 2 Barcelona

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## Coaches Corner

COACH HARRY MASON

PODCAST RECCOMENDATION



Gary Neville is joined by Peter Drury to react to Liverpool's 2-0 victory against Manchester City at The Etihad. Neville believes Liverpool might have one hand on the Premier League trophy following their comfortable display. The pair also discuss Arsenal's disappointing defeat to West Ham, with Neville predicting who he thinks will make the top four in the Premier League.

[PODCAST LINK](#)





# BOYS WINNER HOLY CROSS DII



No. 2 Holy Cross (22-1-3) hoisted the championship trophy with a 3-2 win over No. 1 Teurlings Catholic (23-1-0) on Thursday night behind a superhuman performance by Santamaria that featured two goals and an assist. For the second straight year, he was named the game's Most Outstanding Player. As a team, Holy Cross controlled play for much of the night. The Tigers outshot Teurlings 19-5, including 7-4 in shots on frame. Cooper Wolterman scored the game winner and GK Cole Osborne came up big for the Tigers in the dying moments of the game to preserve the victory. Holy Cross is led by LFSC coaches Stuart Hayers, Harry Mason, & Nestor Peralta.



Harry Mason. Nestor Peralta. Stuart Hayers

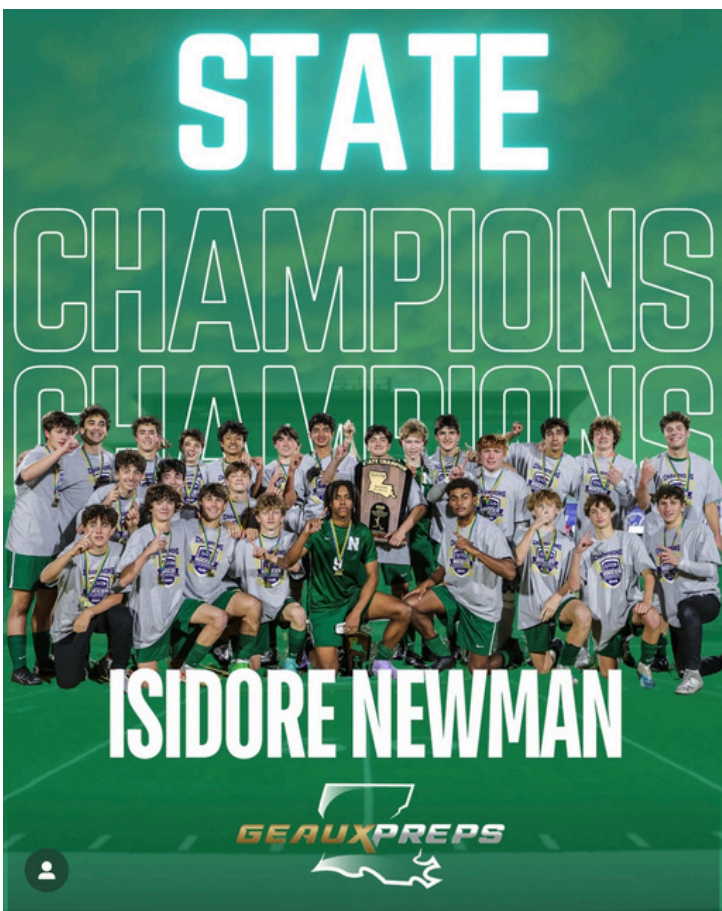






# BOYS WINNER

## ISIDORE NEWMAN DIV



No. 1 Newman climbed to the pinnacle of Division IV boys soccer again, earning the school's 11th state championship with a 3-1 victory over No. 2 Ascension Episcopal at Strawberry Stadium in Hammond.

Coming in 23-0-1, Newman were favorites. They finally settled down in the 28th minute with their first goal. Senior striker Cole Spady took a ball right up the middle of the defense before finding the back of the net.

That was only the start of Spady's night, though. He once again found the net a few minutes later after a miscommunication on a goal kick. With 44 goals this season, including 10 in the postseason, Spady was named Most Outstanding Player.







# GIRLS WINNER

## MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY DI



Saturday night, fourth-seeded Mount Carmel defeated No. 2 C.E. Byrd 2-0 to claim the girls Division I state title in Hammond. Stella Junius was named the game's Most Outstanding Player after her goal in the 22nd minute served as the de facto game winner. After taking the lead, Mount Carmel dominated possession for much of the night. The Cubs held a 12-3 edge in total shots, including 7-3 in shots on goal. Mount Carmel added an insurance goal in the 56th minute when Lilah Grandbouche placed a perfect header off of a corner kick by Josephine Randol to make it 2-0. The Cubs' defense did not allow a serious chance on goal in the second half to close out the win.

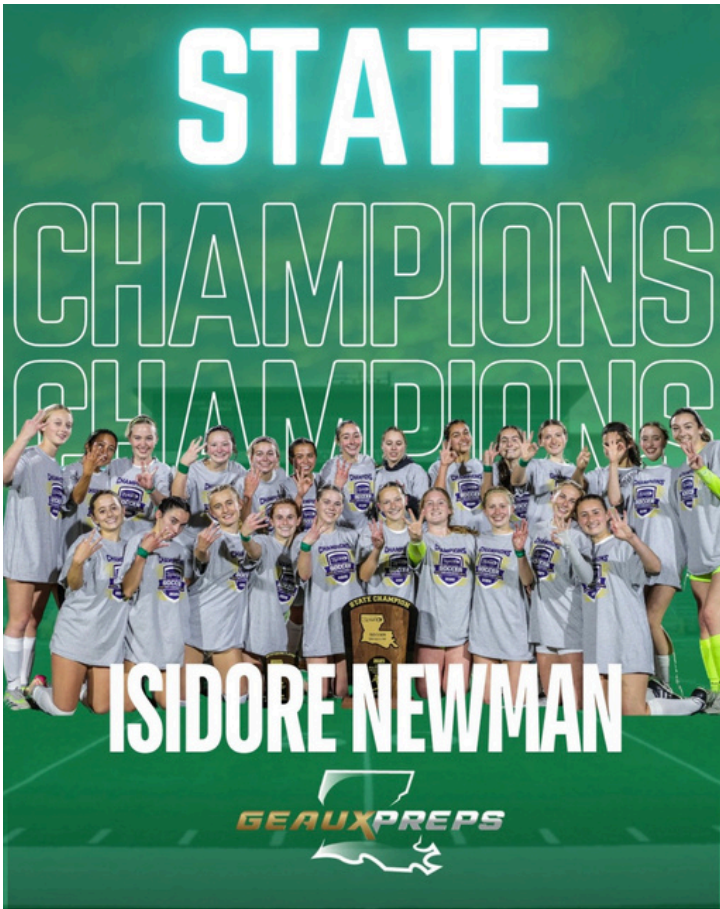






# GIRLS WINNER

## ISIDORE NEWMAN DIV



No team dominates Louisiana high school soccer like the Newman girls. Fifteen times the Greenies have hoisted the state championship trophy at the end of the year, the most of any school in any division, boys or girls.

And none were bigger than Tuesday night. Literally. No girls state championship dating to at least the 1980s featured a margin as wide as Newman's 7-0 win over Loyola Prep, besting the previous record of a five-goal margin held by several teams.

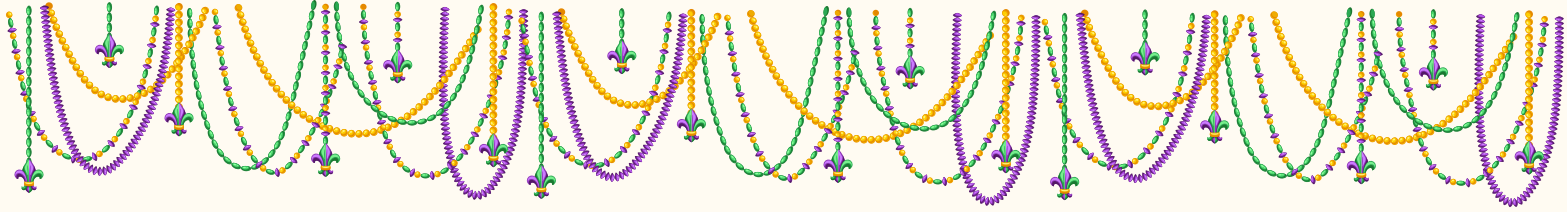
It's not the kind of record the Greenies were searching for, as they fought for their third consecutive Division IV championship, but it is one they now proudly claim. Not only did they score more goals than anyone else, the goals were scored by seven different players.





# ORLEANS AND JEFFERSON PARISH MARDI GRAS PARADE SCHEDULE 2025

HAVE FUN AND STAY SAFE!



## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

### UPTOWN NOLA

KREWE OF DRUIDS 6:15 PM

KREWE OF ALLA FOLLOWS

### WESTBANK

KREWE OF NANDI 6:00 PM

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

### METAIRIE

KREWE OF SYMPHONY 6:30 PM

KREWE OF ATLAS FOLLOWS

### UPTOWN NOLA

KNIGHTS OF BABYLON 5:30 PM

KNIGHTS OF CHAOS FOLLOWS

KREWE OF MUSES 6:30 PM

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

### FRENCH QUARTER

KREWE OF BOSOM BUDDIES 11:30 AM

### UPTOWN NOLA

KREWE OF HERMES 5:30 PM

KREWE D'ETAT 6:30 PM

KREWE OF MORPHEUS FOLLOWS

## SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST

### UPTOWN NOLA

KREWE OF IRIS 11:00 AM

KREWE OF TUCKS 12:00 PM

### WESTBANK

KREWE OF NOMTOC 10:45 AM

### MIDCITY

KREWE OF ENDYMION 4:00 PM

### KENNER

KREWE OF ISIS 6:00 PM

## SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND

### METAIRIE

KREWE OF ATHENA 5:30 PM

### UPTOWN NOLA

KREWE OF OKEANOS 11:00 AM

KREWE OF MID CITY FOLLOWS

KREWE OF THOTH 12:00 PM

KREWE OF BACCHUS 5:15 PM

## MONDAY, MARCH 3RD

### METAIRIE

KREWE OF CENTURIONS 6:00 PM

KREWE OF KINGS FOLLOWS

### UPTOWN NOLA

KREWE OF PROTEUS 5:15 PM

KREWE OF ORPHEUS 6:00 PM

## TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH

### METAIRIE

KREWE OF ARGUS 11:00 AM

KREWE OF ELKS JEFFERSONIANS FOLLOWS

### UPTOWN NOLA

KREWE OF ZULU 8:00 AM

KREWE OF REX 10:30 AM

KREWE OF ELKS ORLEANS FOLLOWS

KREWE OF CRESCENT CITY FOLLOWS

## SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

### FRENCH QUARTER

KREWE OF BARKUS 2:00 PM

\*PARADE SCHEDULE AS OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH ACCORDING TO  
MARDIGRASNEWORLEANS.COM. PARADE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

# What's Happening at LFSC

## CURRENT EVENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARDI GRAS SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Louisiana Fire Soccer Club wishes everyone a safe and happy Mardi Gras season.



Due to parades and park closures, here is our facility schedule for the upcoming days:

**Wednesday Feb 26th** : Open for training

**Thursday Feb 27th**: Open for optional training

**Friday Feb 28th**: Open for optional training and last resort League games

**Saturday March 1st**: Lafreniere- Open for last resort league games in the morning / City Park- Closed

\*\* Should you need field space, please email [fields@lafiresoccer.com](mailto:fields@lafiresoccer.com) or [jdormady@lafiresoccer.com](mailto:jdormady@lafiresoccer.com) \*\*

**Sunday through Tuesday**- All parks closed

**Wednesday March 6th** : - Reopened for training

CLICK PICTURE FOR ALL MARDI GRAS 2025 SCHEDULES AND PARADE ROUTES



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**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.

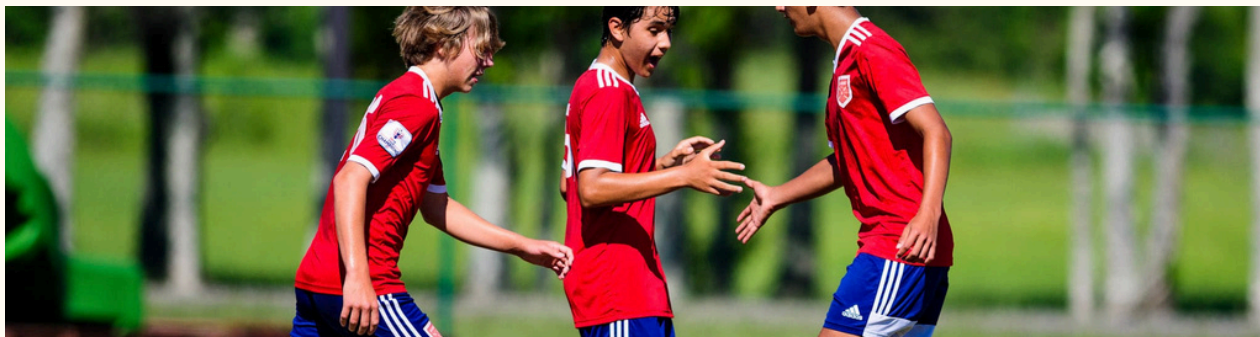
**Bayou Biology:** Embark on a wild adventure into the wonders of South Louisiana! Campers will discover the amazing local plants and animals and learn why it's important to protect them.

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,  
[mbongiovanni@lcm.org](mailto:mbongiovanni@lcm.org) or  
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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