



Heatwave Herald

LFSC Newsletter

LAST WEEK AT THE FIRE

News & Information



Welcome back to another season of club soccer. With high school and middle school seasons coming to an end, and as focus switches back to club soccer, we are excited to watch our teams compete, grow, develop, and excel in the Spring.

Just a friendly reminder to send in your weekly team updates, Team of the Week, and Player of the Week nominations, and any other info you would like to see added to the newsletters.

Good luck to everyone competing in the high school and middle school championships this week! We would love to see some pics of our players competing for their respective schools, so send those in too.

All training schedules should return to normal next week, so please be on the look out for changes in Playmetrics. Thank you for bearing with us as we navigated the craziness of January and February park schedules.

Meet Coach: Josh Turina

Current Team: 2012 Red Boys

Number of years with club: 1

Nationality: American, Pennsylvania

Favorite professional team: Manchester United

Favorite Player: Ronaldo

Soccer role model: Harry Mason

Best moment as LFSC coach: Joining up with other coaches to share soccer ideas and stories

Playing background: Greely High school

Coaching credentials: USSF E, USSF Youth

Advice to Players: On a team, it's not the strength of the individual players, but it is the strength of the unit and how they all function together.

Interesting Fact: Certified hostage negotiator for a SWAT team, grew up in public safety starting out as a volunteer fire fighter in high school, then moving into 911 emergency dispatching.



TEAM OF THE WEEK - 2011 NAVY GIRLS



2011 Navy Girls had a solid weekend securing all the points in a tightly contested LCSL match up vs Krewe. First score of the match started with a beautiful lob pass from the center back to the striker, Marie Evans, who was able to capitalize and make it 1-0. The second half started, and the wind intensified at the back of LKR, who was able to put up a score tying the game. With a strong free kick from Sophie Gruenig into the wind, the Fire scored from the set play and took the lead. Again, LKR answered the point to tie it again at 2-2. In the final minutes of the match, midfielder Leonora Ladner drove through the opposing defense and was able to secure the lead and the 3-2 victory.

TEAM OF THE WEEK - 2014 CP NAVY BOYS



Coach Nestor and the 2014 CP Navy boys have started the Spring season on the front foot. According to Coach, the boys have really come together after the school break and have started the season as if they never left. On Saturday they battled a talented 2014 LP Navy team to a 0-0 tie, with both defenses and keepers having outstanding games. On Sunday in LCSL the team played the New Orleans Spartans and beat them 2-1. Luca Falati opened the scoring from a great cross by eventual game winner Hollis Foti. Following a Spartans equalizer and a back and forth few minutes Hollis stepped up scoring a banger to secure all the points. Overall a great weekend for the lads!

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HOLLIS FOTI **2014 CP NAVY BOYS** **DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER**



Coach Nestor describes Hollis as one of his top performers, week in and week out. This past weekend, Hollis not only held down the defense, but also contributed as a midfielder with an assist and a goal in their LCSL victory over local rivals the Spartans. Hollis is an all around athlete who is incredibly coachable. He is reliable and someone the entire team looks up to.

LEONORA LADNER **2011 NAVY GIRLS** **STRIKER**



For the opening weekend of league play for the 11 Navy Girls, Leonora has been a whirlwind in the midfield. Her tenacity and aggressiveness has resulted in 1 assist and 1 goal in two games. She was instrumental in the early success of the team by expertly directing traffic and coordinating the team's attacks. As a true midfielder, Leonora hasn't shied away from getting into the defensive mix. Her speed, agility, and fervor have also helped to disrupt the attacks of any opponent that faces her.

LFSC Alumni in the News

Several of our former LFSC players find themselves at LSU following their high school and club careers. At LSU they have the opportunity to continue to play the beautiful game on a highly competitive club team. The LSU men's club soccer team recently teamed up with BRSC and helped out with unified soccer. We are so proud of our alums for giving back to the game that gave them so much joy!



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Global Results

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FEB' 15TH & 16TH

Leicester 0 - 2 Arsenal
Man City 4 - 0 Newcastle
Liverpool 2 - 1 Wolves
Tottenham 1 - 0 Man Utd
Osasuna 1 - 1 Real Madrid
Athletico Madrid 1 - 1 Celta Vigo

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Coaches Corner

COACH STUART HAYERS
DOCUMENTARY RECCOMENDATION



The series looks back at the life and career of Pulisic, from his beginnings in Hershey, Pennsylvania to European standout and American hero. From representing the U.S. Men's National Team to suiting up for AC Milan against the game's biggest stars in Europe, Pulisic's stardom is reaching new heights both on and off the pitch. Great insight for any player looking to make it to the pinnacle of soccer...as an American!

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LHSAA SOCCER STATE TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 18-22, 2025

BOYS' DIVISION IV – FEBRUARY 18, 2025 – 5:00 PM

GIRLS' DIVISION IV – FEBRUARY 18, 2025 – 7:30 PM

BOYS' DIVISION III – FEBRUARY 19, 2025 – 5:00 PM

GIRLS' DIVISION III – FEBRUARY 19, 2025 – 7:30 PM

BOYS' DIVISION II – FEBRUARY 20, 2025 – 5:00 PM

GIRLS' DIVISION II – FEBRUARY 20, 2025 – 7:30 PM

BOYS' DIVISION I – FEBRUARY 22, 2025 – 5:00 PM

GIRLS' DIVISION I – FEBRUARY 22, 2025 – 7:30 PM

After a grueling high school season, the finals are set for this week. We have several athletes and coaches still competing for a state title. We would like to wish everyone associated with the remaining schools the best of luck in their respective finals, but especially the New Orleans-based schools Mount Carmel Academy, Holy Cross, and Isidore Newman!



BOYS' DIVISION IV – NEWMAN VS EPISCOPAL

GIRLS' DIVISION IV – LOYOLA VS NEWMAN

BOYS' DIVISION III – LOYOLA VS U. LAB

GIRLS' DIVISION III – PARKVIEW V U.LAB



BOYS' DIVISION II – TEURLING CATHOLIC VS HOLY CROSS

GIRLS' DIVISION II – ST. THOMAS MORE VS ST. SCHOLASTICA



BOYS' DIVISION I – CATHOLIC BR V ST. PAULS

GIRLS' DIVISION I – MT. CARMEL V CE BYRD



What's Happening at LFSC

CURRENT EVENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

LFSC Coaching Development: Thursday, February 13th, 2025

On a chilly night at Lafreniere Park, our coaches gathered to enjoy some coaching professional development. Directors Keir Hannity, Bobby Velasquez, and Stuart Hayers, and staff coach Matt Millet each put on a full training session for the club coaches to observe and learn from.

Sessions ranged from attacking patterns, to defending principles, to possession, to attacking overloads.

We had a great turnout for the event, with coaches eager to improve their craft to ensure our players are getting the best of each of us. Huge thank you to the teams that participated as the test teams, 2011/12 TDP Boys, 2014 CP Red Boys, 2013 Red Girls, and 2011 Red Girls.

After the sessions were completed, the coaches and instructors stuck around to talk soccer over pizza!



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**LOUISIANA
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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.

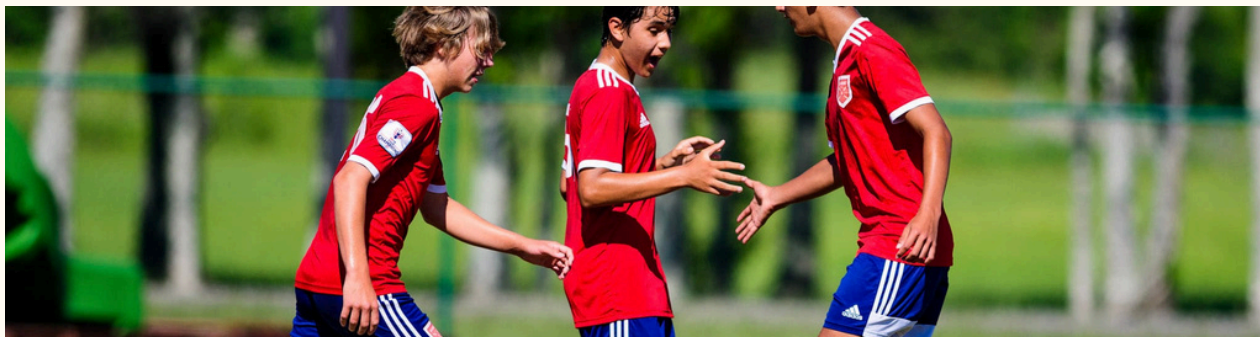
Bayou Biology: Embark on a wild adventure into the wonders of South Louisiana! Campers will discover the amazing local plants and animals and learn why it's important to protect them.

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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