

### Heatwave Herald

# I FSC Newsletter



### News & Information

In this weeks edition of the Heatwave Herald...





Easter Egg Challenge - how many Coach Poch's can you find? Email shayers@lafiresoccer.com with an answer for a chance to win some LFSC swag



Nominate your coach for 'LFSC Coach of the Year'



Easter LFSC prayer for Athletes



Mo Salah New Contract - ESPN



Weekly Team/Player/Manager/Coach Spotlights

### **Meet Coach: Carlos Bueso**

Name/Nickname: The Don

Current Team Coaching: 2015 & 2016 Boys

Number of Years with the Club: 2

Nationality: Honduran

Favorite Professional Team: Barcelona

Favorite Soccer Player: Messi

Playing Background: Honduran amateur leagues

Coaching Background: Motagua, LFSC

Favorite Movie: Pretty Woman

Advice for players: Soccer is like life; the harder you work

at it the better you become.

Fun Fact: I send clothing and other soccer related items

to Honduras to those less privileged.





### TEAM OF THE WEEK 2009 NAVY BOYS



Coach Russel Cacho's 09B Navy team had a great time in Foley, Alabama last weekend. There was food, fun, team bonding, and of course a championship in the 09B green division at the Coastal Soccer Invitational. These boys worked hard and it certainly paid off. En route to the final, the boys had a great game against St Andrew then went on to beat Navarre United 5-1 and the Columbus United 1-0 to win it all! Congrats on a great weekend, boys!

### TEAM OF THE WEEK 2013 LP NAVY BOYS



Congratulations to the LA Fire Navy LP who continue to reach higher levels. They recently played in the first 11 v 11 Division for the U12 age group at the Bob Abbott Cup. With key contributions and unselfish play from all, the Fire Navy LP were able to advance to the final, where they beat the #3 ranked team in the state to bring home a state championship for the club. This comes on the heels of an undefeated season in league play as well. The team will look to conclude their seasons in a few weeks at the Disney Memorial Day Soccer Tournament.

### TEAM OF THE WEEK 2013 BOYS CP WHITE



Coach Miles's 13B CP Gold team beat out their competition at the Abbott Cup in Lafayette this weekend with two victories on Saturday, winning 6-2 over Madisonville United and 5-0 over BRSC. On Sunday morning they faced DFC and fell short with a score of 2-4, but earned their spot in the finals with a goal differential of 7 over their competition due to their combined fantastic performances all weekend. The boys fought hard on Sunday afternoon when they faced off again against BRSC and came out victorious securing their first championship win this season with a score of 3-1. The team finished out the season with a "Gatorade Shower" for Coach!

### TEAM OF THE WEEK 2014 RED GIRLS



Coach Al's team continue to dominate this season. Coming off finishing the LCSL Spring season undefeated, the 14 LA Fire Red Girls continued their form by winning the 2014 Girls' Coastal Invitational Championship. The team netted 21 goals on the weekend and allowed only two goals. Karalynn (KP) Pineda was a standout this weekend with her persistent work rate up and down the wing while scoring three goals.

The team is hard to beat and can erupt offensively at any given time. Their success is a testament to the work put in by all the players and coaches. Great job, ladies!

### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### AIDEN CARDERARA 2009 NAVY BOYS WINGER



Aiden Carderara has been selected as a player of the week due to his commanding performances this past weekend at th heart of the 2009 Navy Boys defense. Aiden provides balance to the backline and has great leadership skills. His ability to read the game and command his back four has helped stabilize the team and set them up for offensive success. When Aiden is on the field, the opponents are limited in their scoring opportunities.

### BEN GALVANI 2013 LP NAVY BOYS MIDFIELDER



Ben Galvani is this week's Player of the Week having had an excellent run of form capped off by a 3 goal weekend at the Bob Abbot Cup last weekend. It was not only the quality of of Ben's finishes, but also the timing and importance of his goals that propelled his team to the State Championship.

Ben is a consistent performer for the team and has been all season. He always brings effort and quality to training and is someone that his peers look up to. Ben lives and breathes soccer and can often be found battling it out at the fields with his younger brother Matteo, 2015.

Well done Ben, and we looking forward to you competing at the ECRL level!

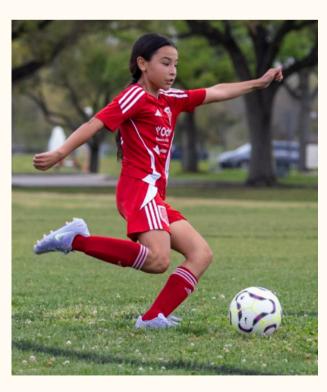
### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### WILLIAM GRAUGNARD 2013 CP WHITE BOYS ACM/WINGER



Player of the week for 2013 CP White Boys is William "G" Graugnard. William Scored twice and assisted three times during the Bob Abott tournament in Lafayette. He Plays both attacking midfield and left winger, and uses his pace and dribbling skills to beat defenders and assist his team. His shiftiness and aggression make him very tough to play against. He is the life of the team and loves to motivate his teammates and make them laugh. He has progressed so much during the fall and spring seasons and will work to be one of the best players in his age group at the club.

# KARALYNN PINEDA (KP) 2014 RED GIRLS MIDFIELDER



Karalynn Pineda, known to her teammates as KP, was on fire this past weekend helping her team to a resounding victory in Foley, AL.

KP terrorized the opposition all weekend with her shifty dribbling and high energy. She was rewarded for her hard work with multiple goals and assists on the weekend.

KP is always on top form, be it games or training. She loves the game and always plays with a smile on her. Soccer is in her blood as her mom, Brittany, is a coach at LFSC.

Great work this weekend, and all season, KP, we are all proud of you!

# Nominate Your Coach For

# 'Coach of the Year'?





Thank

All you need to do is email shayers@lafiresoccer.com

With your coaches info' and a reason for your nomination



### **Manager Spotlight**

**Meet Manager: Erin Toomey** 

Teams: 2013 Girls Red

The 2013 Red Girls have had a great deal of success over the past couple years, and much can be attributed to the efforts of their team manager, Erin Toomey. Erin willingly stepped into the role during the team's precompetitive year, and immediately hit the ground running; finding opponents, scheduling games, and quickly establishing lines of communication with parents & coaches. Her ability to routinely organize chaos and keep everyone in the loop has been unmatched, and she always does it with a smile.

Need a game? Call Erin. Roster issue? Call Erin. Hotel or team dinner? Call Erin. Need a team manager to highlight? Call Erin. Thank you, Erin, for all you do!









Quinn Toomey, 2013, with her momager Erin

Regan Toomey, 2017



### **Global Results**

EPL & LA LIGA

**APR 12TH & 13TH** 

Man City 5 - 2 Crystal Palace

Arsenal 1 - 1 Brentford

Chelsea 2 - 2 Ipswich

Liverpool 2 - 1 West Ham

Newcastle 4 - 1 Man Utd

Deportivo Alaves 0 - 1 Real Madrid

Leganes 0 -1 Barcelona

LINK TO FOTMOB

### **Coaches Corner**

COACH KEIR PODCAST RECCOMENDATION



In this episode, the guys discuss how clubs can build a structure that puts the players first, and how navigating a club structure can be difficult with multiple coaching philosophies and personalities, especially with multiple youth clubs joining forces.

They also discuss how to build and maintain relationships with professional organizations, and how youth clubs and pro clubs can work together to ensure all parties can see success on and off the field.

Finally, the crew works through what is a player pathway, how respective age groups and leagues fit into that pathway, and how putting the players first can lead to great moments across the club.

LINK TO PODCAST

# What's Happening at LFSC CURRENT EVENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Player Placements have been completed for the 2015, 2014, 2013 age groups. Here are some of our favorite snaps...















### MOHAMED SALAH'S NEW LIVERPOOL DEAL TOOK 'A LOT OF EFFORT' - ARNE SLOT

Liverpool head coach Arne Slot has said the club have put a lot of "effort" into extending Mohamed Salah's contract but admitted he has been confident for some time negotiations were heading in the "right direction."

Salah was set to be out of contract this summer, but Liverpool confirmed on Friday the Egypt international has now extended his stay on Merseyside until the summer of 2027.

Discussions have been taking place for several months, with sporting director Richard Hughes overseeing negotiations with Salah's agent, Ramy Abbas Issa.

"I'm happy, of course," Slot said. "He's shown at this club for so many years in a row now how much value he has for the team and for the club. We're very happy he's extended for two more years and hopefully he can show on Sunday [against West Ham United] how important he has been for the whole season for us.

"Relief? For the fans I think so. It's no surprise to you I knew a bit better how the contract situation went over the course of the whole season.



"Maybe for the fans it was a pleasant surprise. I knew a bit longer things were heading in the right direction.

"It is a big compliment to Richard Hughes because Mo Salah, as a free agent, can go to any club he wants to. But he stayed at our club and that's also a compliment for Richard."

On the role he played in keeping Salah at Liverpool, Slot added: "I'm part of that process but I don't think I deserve the compliments. I think first of all it's Mo's choice and his agent's choice what he wants. Second of all, the club - - FSG, Richard, Michael Edwards -- they put a lot of effort into him extending.

"Effort mostly means money! But also not only money. What it might tell you as well is that it's not only a good season this season. We want to make a very good season next season as well and I think Mo is convinced we have a fairly good chance to do so."





DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY

AND FOR BRINGING US TOGETHER AS ONE TEAM AT LOUISIANA FIRE SC.
AS WE CELEBRATE EASTER,
WE REMEMBER THE LOVE, HOPE, AND NEW LIFE
THAT JESUS GAVE US WHEN HE ROSE AGAIN.
HELP US TO PLAY WITH JOY,
TREAT EACH OTHER WITH KINDNESS,
AND ALWAYS GIVE OUR BEST —
ON THE FIELD AND IN LIFE.
THANK YOU FOR OUR TEAMMATES,
OUR COACHES, AND OUR FAMILIES.
MAY LOUISIANA FIRE SC ALWAYS BE A PLACE
WHERE YOUR LOVE SHINES THROUGH US.



AMEN.

# Happy Easter from all of us at LFSC



# 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





### **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 TOURNEY – 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



# **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!!!** 

CLICK HERE **PLAYMETRICS REGISTRATION** 

MORE INFO: WWW.LAFIRESOCCER.COM



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** 

3V3 FLASH CAMP

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

**TIMES: 5:45pm-8pm** 

**AGES: 7 YEARS OLD - 13 YEARS OLD** 







# **AUGUST 6TH 7TH 8TH**

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** 

PRE SEASON CAME

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

TIMES: 5:45pm-8:30pm

**AGES: 9 YEARS OLD - 16 YEARS OLD** 

**BOYS & GIRLS** 

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- LFSC Directors

1	What if my son/daughter car		
	only make one of the tryout		
	dates?		

As long as they are registered and we can get eyes on them at least once we will be able to offer them a spot on a roster. Making two sessions is optimal (where offered) but not mandatory.

2	What if I have to miss both
	tryout sessions?

We will try to include your son/daughter with another age group, or on another date, to ensure we get to see them. **They still need to register.** 

### 3 Will there be makeup dates?

We have rainout dates scheduled (see tryout matrix and flyers on our website) and have some makeup dates for different age groups. If none of those work, we can look to evaluate your son/daughter during a practice.

#### 4 How do you choose teams?

The tryouts are important but are not the only thing we look at. We also use coaches evaluations and team/age group depth charts which are created twice a season. The utmost care is taken to ensure your player is placed on a developmentally appropriate team.

### 5 How will the players be evlauated at tryouts?

Coaching staff from those specific age groups will be running sessions and observing play. They have a program on their cell phones and tablets that allows them to make quantitative and qualitative remarks on each player instantaneously.



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6	Can you tryout for both the	
	high performance teams	
	(ECNL & ECNL-RL) and the	
	competitive (signature)	
	teams?	

Yes. You can tryout for both, but do not have to pay for both tryouts. If you do not get offered a spot on a high performance roster you will be eligible for selection on a competitive roster. All fees will be transferred to the next tryout your player attends.

7	I want to tryout for PR		
	ECNL, when are those		
	tryouts?		

PRE-ECNL tryouts are for U11 and U12 boys and girls. Those teams will be selected from the competitive 2014 & 2015 tryouts, and will be considered the top teams in the age groups.

8 Is the tryout fee refundable if we do not decide to join a LESC team?

The tryout fee covers our labor, facility, administrative, and insurance costs. The fee is non-refundable.

9 When will coaches be assigned to teams?

Coach assignments will be released with rosters.

When will rosters be released?

Rosters will be released around 2 weeks from the tryout date. Coaches and Directors reserve the right to adjust rosters where necessary.





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11	What are the coaches looking at during tryouts?	Coaches will be looking at a player's technical ability, tactical understanding, as well as physical presence and character. Attitude and sportsmanship are also taken into consideration, as well as commitment to the team/program/sport.
12	My son/daughter is not a current LFSC player. Will they be given a fair look?	Yes. We welcome all players at LFSC and work hard to ensure everyone that wants to play is offered a roster spot. Teams are not predetermined and new additions are welcome.
13	What do I need to bring?	Soccer ball and soccer equipment. Water and snack. Good attitude.
14	How do I check in?	Check in will start 30 minutes before the designated time slot. There will be two distinct lines at the gate, one for exiting LFSC players that have preregistered, and one for players coming from other clubs and that have NOT preregistered.
15	How will my player be identified?	Current LFSC players will wear their game jerseys with roster numbers visible. New players will be given a paper number to pin on their shorts, which must be returned after the session.





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How do I identify the
coaches and can I
approach them during the
tryout?

LFSC coaches will be wearing red or black LFSC branded apparel for easy identification. Please do not approach a coach during the tryout process. IF you have a question, you can ask a registrar. Directors will address the parents at the end of the last day of tryouts.

### Where do parents stand during the tryouts?

Parents and guardians must remain on the outside of the playing area at all times and are not to enter the field. At the turf complex, parents can observe from the parking lot side of the fields.

18 If I have further questions who should I reach out to?

Boys Director - Keir Hannity - khannity@lafiresoccer.com

Girls Director - Bobby Velasquez - bvelasquez@lafiresoccer.com

19 Will there be movement on and off teams after they are announced?

There are always possibilities of player movement after teams are formed. This will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. No decisions will be made without informing impacted parties.

20 How long will I have to accept or reject the roster spot and how do we accept?

You must accept or reject your roster spot within 10 days. You accept your roster spot on Playmetrics and make a non refundable deposit of a first payment (amount varies based on program registration) to ensure your roster spot.





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21 Is there an early bird discount for registration?

If you register within 7 days of your team assignment, you will be entered into a raffle with the chance of receiving up to \$500 off your total registration.

22 Is there financial aid avaiable?

Yes. We offer financial aid. Applicants must apply through the FACTS link on Playmetrics. We also offer payment plans, up to 6 months, interest free. Any other financial questions can be directed to ddehoog@lafiresoccer.com

23 Can I try out for multiple clubs/programs?

Yes. You are free to tryout for any club during the tryout period for your specific age group.

24 Will there be movement between teams/rosters/programs throughout the year?

If there is a need or an opportunity to move a player to help with another team or program we will make that decision on a case by case basis. Practice player opportunities will also be available in some age groups.

25 Is there any summer programming offered by LFSC?

Yes. We have a host of camps throughout the summer. Please scan the QR code at the bottom of the page, or check out our website www.lafiresoccer.com





# COMPETITIVE DEVELOPMENT 2025-26 PLAYER PLACEMENTS April 28 and May 6 City Park





# 2025-26 HIGH PERFMORANCE PATHWAY





### **BOYS TRYOUTS**

# APRIL 7th, 26th, and 27th LAFRENIERE TURF FIELDS

### 2013

Monday April 7 6PM-7:30P

### 2010

Saturday April 26th 3P - 4:30 P

### 2012

Sunday April 27 4P - 5:30P

### 2009

Saturday April 26th 4:30P - 6P

### 2011

Sunday April 27th 4P - 5:30P

### 2007/2008

Saturday April 26th 4:30P - 6P





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

2011

T/W May 27 and 28 7P - 8:30 2010

Th/F May 29 and 30 5:30P - 7

2012

T/W May 27 and 28 5:30P - 7

registration via playmetrics lafiresoccer.com



# BOYS COMPETITIVE U14 through U19 2025-26 PLAYER PLACEMENTS

May 27 through 30
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

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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.



### **Useful Links**

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**WEATHER UPDATES** 

**FUNDRAISING INFO** 

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