



# The Storm Watch

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## New Crest Unveiled at Spring Fling

As 2014 is Space Coast United's thirtieth year, this spring seemed an ideal time for our club to adopt a new crest given this milestone and our new relationship with PUMA for uniforms and spirit wear.

A team of club staff, board members, parents, coaches, and players worked with Orlando artist, [Jessica Smith](#), over the course of a rather short period of time in early March. Ms. Smith was extremely generous with her time, highly responsive, and reduced her typical fees to enable our club to have access to professional graphic design for this project. We are also grateful to a member of the club for anonymously donating the funds to cover the design expenses as well.

The design team's goal was to create a crest with a bold contemporary look that would commemorate our founding date, reflect our community's affiliation with the exploration of space, and evoke our association with U.S. national soccer.

The club's first president, Rob Pedrick, unveiled the new logo at Spring Fling on Sunday, May 4 and talked a little about how the Club was started. What began as Sherwood Soccer, a small local club, has become one of the largest non-urban clubs known state wide for quality soccer programming at all levels. He mentioned a crossroads when club leaders decided between naming the club North Melbourne Soccer or Space Coast United. We think they made the right choice.

Thank you Rob, we were honored by your presence!



First President, Rob Pedrick

## SCU Director of Coaching Pursues UEFA A License



When Scott Armstrong was an assistant coach at Florida Tech five years ago, he felt that although he was consistently studying the game, he was doing an injustice to his players and his support role as his knowledge was becoming stale. He realized he wanted fresh information, more direction, and better ideas. He made a commitment and set personal goals to obtain advanced licensing. He took every course he could starting with the US Soccer Federation B license and then their A license. That year, he took the Westshore Junior Senior High School to the State Final where they won their first State Championship.

Not content to rest there, Coach Armstrong turned his attention to UEFA licensing. The exclusive UEFA B license course only accepts 10% of non-residents, but that summer Scott applied and was accepted to the course in Ireland. The UEFA B license part 1 focuses on 4v4 format. Last year, he was accepted to the UEFA B part 2 course which focuses on the 9v9 format.

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## We're Thrilled to Announce Our New Junior NPL Director of Coaching



Coach Dean Flexton

Coach Dean Flexton has been training and coaching players at Space Coast United for the last eight years. He has worked with Space Coast members at every level: MiniKickers, YDP, Academy, Select Teams, and NPL. He is well-liked and respected by players and parents alike.

Dean is USSF A licensed and continues his education by attending as many additional courses as possible. He earned a B.S. degree in Sport and Exercise Science and a graduate degree in Education.

Director of Coaching, Scott Armstrong, says he believes this is a great addition for the Club. "Dean understands our culture and what Rob Dinnie and I have been trying to develop over the last four years. He will be a great asset in the continued development of elite programming at Space Coast United."

Dean told *The Storm Watch*, "I'm very excited about my new position. I've loved every minute of coaching at Space Coast. I'm looking forward to now working alongside Rob and Scott to continue the great work being done to move the club forward."

Dean will support Rob and Scott in their development of curriculum for the ages of 9-14. He will be watching and supporting as many games as possible at this level and will work with Scott on further developing these pivotal age brackets.

Please congratulate Dean on his new role, we are fortunate to have his enthusiasm and expertise!

## Select Team Tryout Dates Set for Late May

Tryouts for the Florida Premier League teams are being held May 19-22. NPL and State/Region Cup are governed by different leagues. Any player who wants to participate on both a US Club Soccer NPL and a Florida Youth Soccer (FYSA) State/Region Cup team must attend the tryouts held separately for each program. Selection for a Space Coast United NPL squad does not assume or require participation on a Space Coast United State Cup team. Selected players remain at liberty to represent another club in FYSA league and tournament play. [Register](#) for this elite program now to save time at tryout check in.

Our 2014-15 State/Region Cup team tryouts are being held May 29-31. We recommend early on-line registration as all players need to arrive 20-30 minutes early in order to check in and get their tryout numbers assigned. Players that need to register on site should allow additional time to complete the registration.

All tryouts will be held at Viera Regional Park. To see which field, day, and time slot has been assigned to a particular age group, please visit our [NPL](#) and [State/Region Cup](#) tryout pages on the club website.

For information about the Academy Select Open Days, see the article on page 5 of this newsletter.



**"If you fail to prepare, you're prepared to fail."**  
~ Mark Spitz

## U15 Travel Girls are headed to the Semi-Finals at State Cup!



# BYSL Championship Games at Viera Regional Park



Coach Murtha's U12 Boys Participating Based on Fall 2014 Performance

On Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18, Space Coast United will play host to the Brevard Youth Soccer League Championship tournament for the U9—U12 age brackets. The girls' games will be played on Saturday and the co-ed matches on Sunday. Selection was based on team performance in the Fall 2013 Season and the Spring 2014 seasons. The top two teams in each season are seeded into semi-final games - first place from the fall plays the team that placed second in the spring while first place in the spring plays second place from the fall. The two winning teams then play for first and second place in the league while the two losing teams vie for third and fourth place. Games tied at the end of regulation will play two complete overtime periods (5 min periods for U9 – U12), and then a penalty kick shoot out will be used to determine the winner if the teams are still tied after overtime. There is no golden goal.

*If you are able to help make this tournament a success for these young boys and girls, please visit our [Volunteer Page](#) and sign up to be a Field Marshall or staff the Concession Stand. Sign up with a friend today. On-site training provided!*

*"I'm excited to be a part of providing players with the opportunity to maximize their full potential."*

## Meet The Treasurer: Brian Lundy

Brian Lundy is excited about his new position on the Board of Directors at Space Coast United. He played soccer at Florida Tech, captaining the team for two years, and graduated with two bachelor degrees in business and accounting. Brian played in the Professional Development League for Cocoa Expo from 2003-2007 and in the Florida Elite Soccer League in 2008 for the Space Coast Strikers.

Brian has been a volunteer coach at Space Coast for the past four years and an assistant coach at Viera High School for two years. Brian loves soccer and enjoys working with the kids to pass down the knowledge he has learned throughout his years involved with the game.

"We have some really good coaches in place and have had some great success on the field this past year. I am excited to be a part of providing players with the opportunity to maximize their full potential," Brian told *The Storm Watch*.

While Brian was not anticipating a role on the Executive Committee as the club's Treasurer his first year on the board, he is certainly up for the challenge and definitely capable of the responsibility. He is committed to doing whatever he can to help the club, coaches, and players be successful and have a great experience at Space Coast United.



# We Couldn't Have Done It Without You

After a 24 hour rain delay, the 2014 Spring Fling was picture perfect with blue skies. We want to thank everyone for coming out to celebrate the end of another successful season – our 30<sup>th</sup> to be exact! We sincerely appreciate the efforts of all our volunteers whether they served food, flipped some burgers, watched over an inflatable, sold raffle tickets, donated chips/water, or helped set up or clean up.

Our community partners were key to making the event a success. We are extremely grateful for their contributions.

- Amazing Cuts
- Arbonne
- Brevard Zoo
- Eperformance
- Genna Pizza Company
- L.A. Bridal
- Papa Johns Pizza
- Publix
- Sonny's
- Space Coast Iceplex
- Brevard County Sheriff Canine Bloodhound Unit
- Andretti Thrill Park
- Astro Jump
- Duran Golf Club
- Fire Department (Viera)
- Inflatable Waterslides
- McDonalds
- Parisi Speed School
- Puma
- Soundwaves Entertainment
- Victory Casino Cruise



Congrats to all of the Spring Fling raffle winners!

In particular, we would like to extend a special note of gratitude to Carol-Ann who organized this event –THANK YOU, THANK YOU for a fantastic day - from all of us at Space Coast United Soccer Club. We could not have done it without any of you!



## U17 Travel Boys are headed to the Semi-Finals at State Cup!



# DOC Pursues UEFA A License (cont.)



Coach Armstrong has now been accepted on the UEFA A license. As part of the course, he has to write a book of training sessions with a specific focus. This last year, his focus was on build up play through the attacking zones. He then had to create 20 training sessions and present the book to the IFA, at which point they reviewed it and gave him the go ahead to qualify for selection to the A license. Scott will be heading to Belfast, Ireland on June 4. Once he finishes the course, UEFA staff will come to Space Coast United to evaluate his training and sessions in a final observation.

The UEFA A License is the highest practical coaching license available that focuses primarily on actual coaching techniques and skill building and is specifically designed for the 11v11 game. For candidates with sufficient talent and access to top level teams, it can lead to the UEFA Pro License or FA Academy Managers award. Space Coast United is extremely fortunate to have a Director of Coaching committed to the highest level of professional development as a coach and trainer.

*“True player development focuses on the development of the player, not the development of the team! Up to U12, this should be the only criteria used in designing and running youth soccer programs”*

*~ Ron Quinn, US Youth Soccer*

## Academy Select Open Days Close Out May

In partnership with FYSA, Space Coast United wants to present a pressure free environment to current and potential members in the younger age groups. The goal of Space Coast United is to produce players who have come through the program which starts at three years old. However, we very much welcome players new to the program also. The decision to join Academy is a joint one between coach and parent. What we look for is commitment to improve above all else. If both parents and child demonstrate that, we then look to offer an opportunity. This is different from a regular tryout where the coach is trying to create a team and picks the current crop of best 10-12 players. We take a much longer term view.

With a cohesive curriculum at each age group the Club aims to provide players capable of competing at NPL U13 and above via YDP and Academy Select. Space Coast United is taking a longer term view to building a Club that works from the same development ethos. We are not a win at all costs Club, meaning that we do not deviate from the style of play we are trying to teach in order to get a short term result. We believe if we build a correct technical, tactical and psychological foundation then we prepare our children properly for the older age brackets.

As an FYSA Soccer Academy, Space Coast United holds open days for ages U9-U12. The Open Days involve the Academy Trainers delivering a typical model session to allow parents to view the quality of coaches and type of sessions that each child will be participating in.

**SAT MAY 31ST: Fields 1 & 2**  
**U9/U10 1:00-2:30 pm**  
**U11/U12 2:30-4:00 pm**

**MON JUN 2ND: Fields 3 & 4**  
**U9/U10 5:30-7:00 pm**  
**U11/U12 7:00-8:30 pm**



Academy girls in action on April 5, 2014

If you would like more information, email YDP/Academy Director at [ydp@spacecoastsoccer.org](mailto:ydp@spacecoastsoccer.org). We have a helpful four-page program description we can send you.



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Established in 1984, Space Coast United Soccer Club is a non-profit run by volunteers dedicated to families who wish to enjoy the sport of soccer and to provide opportunities to play at all levels from ages three to eighteen with the highest quality of programs available in the State of Florida. Our efforts and energies are directed to the following objectives:

- We strive to develop players at all levels of play – recreational and competitive – by building and improving their skills, confidence, fitness, initiative and a sense of teamwork.
- We are committed to developing coaches and referees to the highest level through a quality instructional, licensing and mentoring program.
- We aim to ensure all of our players’ personal goals are met whether they be enjoying recreational soccer, playing on an elite or premier competitive team, playing on your high school team, playing in college, or on a U.S. National team someday.
- We promote and encourage high standards of sportsmanship and fair play and strive to ensure all players are doing it “For the love of the Game!”

## SCUSC Uniforms Through the Years

### Our Programs



Who remembers when the youth program had different color uniforms from the select teams? - 2003



Alyssa Esposito reminds us that at one point we had three uniforms. Her favorite was the black! - 2007 (after winning State Cup)

Micro/Mini-Kickers  
Ages 3-5

Youth Development and Academy  
Ages 4-11

Competitive: Select/NPL  
Ages 9-19

Recreational  
Ages 13-18

Goalkeeper Academy  
Ages 9-19

TOPSoccer  
Ages 4-19



**Wickham Fields will be closed this summer for much needed maintenance. They will also be closed for reseeding over the winter as that has not been done in a few years.**



A few years ago, Kelme supplied our competitive uniforms. - 2010

### Youth Soccer Websites

[Florida Youth Soccer Association](#)

[National Premier Leagues](#)

[US Youth Soccer](#)

[Brevard Youth Soccer League](#)

[Greater Central Florida Youth Soccer League](#)