



Marianna Recreation Department forms Partnership with Global Image Sports

October 10, 2017- Marianna Recreation Department of Marianna, FL (MERE) has formed a partnership with Atlanta, Georgia based Global Image Sports (GIS). GIS is a sports management company focused on growing the sport of soccer in the United States through its various partnership with some of the biggest clubs in Europe. By utilizing the resources of clubs such as West Ham United, Stoke City, RCD Espanyol, Chievo Verona, and others, GIS is able to give its partners unrivaled access to player development events, coaching education, tours, and more.

Clay Wells, Director of Recreation said, "The City of Marianna is pleased to announce that we have partnered with Global Image Sports to benefit our local soccer program. Soccer in Marianna has been growing here for the last several years to the point to where we now offer Spring and Fall leagues. We feel that a partnership with GIS will allow for us to continue that growth and offer more opportunities for our players. We are extremely happy and thankful to have this partnership and look forward to the benefits and opportunities that may develop in the future."

This partnership will provide access to:

- ★ Camps with Academy approved coaches
- ★ Invites for top players to GIS National Camps
- ★ College recruitment advice
- ★ Tours to destinations such as London, Barcelona, Lisbon, and Verona
- ★ Coaching Education Symposiums and Curriculum
- ★ GIS Tournaments
- ★ And more...

The goals of the partnership are to increase the quality of players and coaches at the MERE, and to give high level players an opportunity to get noticed by some of the best academy coaches in the world.

Joseph Davis, a native of Marianna, FL, played soccer at the MERE and for Marianna High School (Class of 2008). Davis is now the Partnership Development Manager for GIS and was on the other end of this agreement.

"Me and many of my friends were some of those high level kids that didn't have access to the level of coaching and training necessary to reach our full potential. No offense to all the dads that coached me back then!" Davis went on to say, "My goal is that through this partnership the next generation of kids have access to opportunities that will help achieve their full potential."

Global Image Sports and the City of Marianna are very excited for this partnership and are looking forward to a long and successful relationship. Stay tuned for event announcements for 2018! For more information contact Joseph Davis at joseph@globalimagesports.com or Clay Wells at recreation@cityofmarianna.com.