



TTHFC NEWS

Tallahassee Tottenham Hotspur FC Monthly News - April 2022

FSI WINNER: TALLAHASSEE



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The 2022 Florida State Invitational was a resounding success not only for our teams at Florida Elite Tallahassee, but also the City of Tallahassee. An estimated 6,000 attendees and 150 teams joined us for the tournament, providing great competition for our players and a tremendous economic benefit to Tallahassee businesses - a fact that didn't go unnoticed by Visit Tallahassee.

“Leon County is proud to support the Florida State Invitational Youth Soccer Tournament, welcoming players and families from across the southeast. Our partnership with TTHFC – Florida Elite Tallahassee to host this tournament brings thousands of athletes, coaches and fans to Leon County with an estimated economic impact of over \$1 million annually,” said Kerri L. Post, Director of Leon County Tourism.

Florida Elite Tallahassee fielded 19 teams, from our youngest academy teams that had kids playing in their first tournament to our oldest teams playing in the U19 Division. By the end of the weekend, five of our teams won championships and three teams finished strong as finalists.





We want thank all of our coaches, managers, volunteers, vendors and families who made the FSI such a great event for our club, our visiting teams and our city as a whole. We also want to thank our sponsors for helping make the tournament possible, including Visit Tallahassee, Cookies and Crafts, Deliver Strategies, Printery Family, Centennial Bank, Cowhey & Ward, Florida Association of Health Plans, Compton & Lee and Avanti Travel.



CATCHING UP WITH COACH PETE

At this year's FSI, you may have seen one of our former coaches, Pete Love, around the registration office helping direct teams, coordinate schedules and gather game scores. Before Pete was a coach for our academy and elite teams, he was a senior captain at the University of West Florida. Now, he is finishing his law degree at the University of Florida by completing an internship with the legal team for Orlando City SC. To help you catch up with Pete, we asked him about his exciting new role:



When you decided to go to law school, was working on a soccer club's legal team always your goal?

It was something I thought of but it didn't seem like an attainable goal when I began school. I had no idea how to make it happen and without any connections to the industry it seemed out of reach. My initial goal was to use my undergraduate degree in chemistry to become an intellectual property lawyer. During my time in law school, I learned how to network and with each connection and conversation I felt that the opportunity was becoming possible. Now that I am able to get some experience in soccer before I graduate in May, I now believe I have the experience and the network to make it a reality in my career.

What are some of the legal issues that professional soccer teams must deal with?

Lawyers for sports teams help the organization manage risk and comply with an array of rules and laws. They function like both transactional and compliance lawyers. They review and negotiate contracts, advise the organization about what steps to take, and ensure that the organization complies with applicable local, state and federal law as well as the policies and regulations administered by the MLS and FIFA. I know so much about the game on the pitch as both a player and a fan, but this internship has opened my eyes to the work that goes on day and night by the staff in order to make what happens on the field possible.



What is it like to work inside Exploria Stadium with the rest of the Orlando City staff?

It is really special to work at Exploria Stadium alongside a group of people that share your passion. It reminds me a lot of the time that I spent with Florida Elite out at the Meadows! I get to work in an environment surrounded by soccer. The legal issues are in the context of the game, everyone is always discussing Orlando City and their favorite teams around the world, and I get to learn from everyone's experience in the game.

How did being a soccer player help prepare you for law school and being a lawyer?

Law school is about discipline and consistency. Each week you read at least a hundred pages, it is very easy to fall behind and find yourself unprepared at the end of the semester. I was not a naturally gifted player, but over the years I learned that consistently applying myself and constantly focusing on self-improvement allowed me to discover and fulfill my potential. I have applied the same lesson in school and will continue to as a lawyer - stay consistent in the application of your craft and always apply yourself to improve.



BEYOND TTHFC



APRIL EVENTS

APRIL 2-3

FLORIDA CLUB LEAGUE GAMES
TAMPA, FL

APRIL 4

FUTURE/RISING STARS
SPRING II SESSION BEGINS

APRIL 9-10

FRIENDLY GAMES
JACKSONVILLE, FL

APRIL 23-24

PLAYERS CUP
GULFPORT, MS

Congratulations to Hanna Delp for signing with Point University in Georgia. We were all smiling at her signing day ceremony in March.



Congratulations to our very own Coach Jono for being named the 2022 All-Big Bend Girls Soccer Coach of the Year. Coach Jono earned this honor for the excellent job he did coaching Lincoln High School's girls soccer team.

We are also extremely proud of our players who were selected as All Big Bend players including:

- Nico Balog
- Garrett Elebash
- RJ Hosay
- Brody Miller
- Braeden Paul
- Andy Rankin
- Miller Strickland
- Hayden Wysocki
- Ivy Carlson
- Lily Dennis
- Betrice Drayton
- Lita Frost
- Kinsey Goodman
- Morgan Klees
- Natalie Nelson
- Katie Ricco

MARCH PHOTO ALBUM





REGISTER NOW FOR OUR 2022

SUMMER CAMPS

SUMMER SKILLS

(TOM BROWN PARK)
WEEK 1 - JULY 11-14
WEEK 2 - JULY 18-21
WEEK 3 - JULY 25-28
DAILY 5.30PM - 7PM
BOYS & GIRLS AGES 7-12

PRE-SEASON TRAINING

(TOM BROWN PARK)
WEEK 1 - JULY 11-14
WEEK 2 - JULY 18-21
WEEK 3 - JULY 25-28
DAILY 7PM - 8.30PM
BOYS & GIRLS AGES 13-19

KEEP THE BALL MOVING...

Looking for fun activities for the summer? Or looking to get back in soccer shape after spending lazy days at the beach? Join us for our Summer Skills or Pre-Season Training camps beginning the week of July 11. Registration is now open at tthfc.org.

TRYOUT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Can you believe it? Tryouts for the 2022-23 season are next month! The exact dates of the tryouts will be announced soon. But in the meantime, you can register now at tthfc.org.

Tryouts are FREE. If you would like more information about our competitive teams and levels of play, contact Lee Blenman at Lee@FloridaEliteSA.com.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



We're posting more photos and videos than ever on social media. Follow us to keep up with the latest TTHFC news and to see our players in action. We also encourage you to tag us in your photos on social media or send them to chris@tthfc.org.



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