Kenmore Soccer News

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Kenmore Elite Player Earns Scholar –Athlete Recognition



The 2018 All-Western New York Scholar-Athlete fall sports team consists of 135 students, including our own Tara Ann Perreault from the 18 and Under Kenmore Elite team. To be nominated for the team, students must have carried a 90-plus average for the previous six semesters and been a starter or significant player in their fall sport.

Congratulations to Tara Ann for this outstanding honor!

Long-Time Soccer Coach Passes Away



The Christmas season brought sad news to the local soccer community, with the passing of long-time youth coach Bruce Williams.

Bruce spent many years coaching in Town of Tonawanda Recreational leagues, and in the Buffalo/WNY Junior Soccer League, focusing his work on the girls side with a variety of teams that always carried the name "Bluebombers".

Bruce's daughters played at Kenmore East, where his younger daughter Cheryl was recently inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame, and is the all-time leading goal scorer.

In an era where it is often difficult to find volunteers, Bruce was always among those who coached, hung nets, lined fields, cut grass, and did whatever was needed to keep the focus on kids. He will be missed.

Father Enraged over Missed Call in Youth Soccer Match, So He Pushed a 74-year-old Referee

Ivan Stefanyshyn, 41, grew increasingly frustrated with the referee during his 10-year-old son's championship match at the James Island Cup in November, eventually rushing onto the field and shoving the referee, according to a report from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. He was given a summons to appear at an April court date for third-degree assault and battery.

This incident is the latest example of an ongoing problem, where the rise in parents harassing, threatening and physically assaulting game officials is jeopardizing youth sports. Youth sporting events are being delayed, postponed or understaffed due to a lack of officials, who say the verbal and physical abuse they regularly receive isn't worth the $12 to $45 paycheck.

This particular incident, at an event that was also understaffed, happened near the end of a championship match for kids between 10 and 12 years old. Stefanyshyn told police the referee was not doing his job because he continued to miss foul calls. He became "highly upset" when his son fell down in what he believes should have been called a foul, and the referee continued as if nothing happened, the report reads.

Stefanyshyn said his son was hit in the chest, knocking him to the ground and leaving him unconscious for about 10 seconds. "I know I overreacted. I shouldn't have pushed the referee," he said. "But when I see my son lying on the ground motionless — I mean, what would you do?" He said he took his son to the family doctor the next day after he complained of chest pains.

"I'm paying a lot of money every year so they can hire those referees to cover our kids' games. And they have to protect our kids," Stefanyshyn said, adding that poor rule enforcement could lead to serious injuries. "Who has to pay that (hospital) bill?" "It happened," Stefanyshyn said. "If I could go back (in time), I wouldn't have done that. But it's done." He instantly realized what he did was wrong, he said, and he apologized profusely.

Ernest "Bucky" Jones, 74, has been refereeing youth sports for the past 20 years, he said, and he does his best to get all the calls right, just like every other referee. He's used to spectators yelling and screaming, but nothing like what happened to him in November has ever happened before.

"I'm not after (Stefanyshyn), I'm after the action," Jones said. "I really don't care that he pushed me down. I care that I was wearing a referee uniform (at a children's soccer tournament) and he pushed me down."

Jones said he is thankful he didn't suffer an injury from the assault, but he ultimately wants to put an end to the abuse. "This crap has got to stop. It has got to stop. In all sports," he said.

Q.S. Soccer has taken steps to change the culture of parents holding game officials — many of whom are young and inexperienced — to professional standards. It started last year with soccer's Silent September, which barred sideline cheers and jeers to raise awareness about inappropriate sideline behavior.

Some state associations also teamed up with SoccerParenting.com to help create a calmer sideline. The website features videos, online courses and articles to help parents distinguish between supportive, distracting and hostile sideline behavior.

Kenmore Blue Devils 14 and Under Boys Roll to Indoor League Championship

The Kenmore Elite Blue Devils rolled to the championship of the Winter A session at Sportsplex. Scoring 56 goals, while surrendering only 3, the boys finished the sessions with a 7-0-1 record, including a 5-0 thrashing of the Northtowns Revolution in the championship game. Along the way, the team recorded 5 shutouts, and never allowed more than 1 goal against in any match.

Congratulations boys!!!





Kenmore Soccer Teams Excel at Buffalo State Futsal Tournament

The annual Holiday Futsal Tournament hosted by Buffalo State College resulted in 3 championships for Kenmore Soccer teams— the Elite 12 Girls, the Spurs 10 Boys, and the 18 Elite Girls.







Futsal remains an important component of our training curriculum, as its emphasis on passing, quick play, and movement without the ball, are critical aspects of soccer. Congratulations to these 3 teams.

Registration Still Open for 2018-2019 Season

Registration for the 2018-2019 season is now open on-line through our web site at www.kenmoresoccer.com. As with past years, we guaranteed placement on the Kenmore Soccer travel team for all returning players who registered by July 15th. Roster spots remaining open after that date are being filled with new registrations.

Apparel Orders

Our Joma apparel is shown on the web site, with a link for placing an order. Orders are placed on the 1st and 15th of each month and parents are invoiced through the web site.

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Trivia Question

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Nashville and Cincinnati were recently awarded expansion franchises in Major League Soccer. What other two cities were among the four finalists?

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Detroit and Sacramento were the remaining finalists, who will now likely compete along with San Antonio, Phoenix, Tampa, Raleigh, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Charlotte, San Diego, and Las Vegas for the next round of expansion.

Submissions Anyone ????????????

We want this to be your newsletter. We also want you to be a part of the Club web site. So, we are looking for your ongoing input—articles, pictures, match highlights, team and player recognition, etc. Each team should consider having a designee that can channel information to the Club for inclusion in the newsletter or web site.

Send your submissions to us at voght@msn.com. Pictures are welcome, but should be in a jpg or gif format.

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CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL

At your local Carrabba's Italian Grill at 1645 Niagara Falls Blvd (adjacent to Low-e's), you will find authentic Italian cuisine passed down from their founders' family recipes. Signature entrees like their famous Chicken Bryan are grilled to perfection over a wood-fire grill. Using only the best ingredients, Carrabba's prepares menu items from scratch and sautés every pasta to order blending all of the ingredients together so every bite is full of flavor.

Target Joins the Family of Kenmore Soccer Sponsors

We are pleased to welcome Target as a new sponsor of Kenmore Soccer, who have generously provided us with a grant to expand our soccer programs.

Kenmore Soccer Club Goals

- To be the best club in our community
- To recruit and retain the finest youth soccer coaches in Western New York
- To continually evaluate and revise our coaching curriculum to insure that all of our players are participating in practice sessions that are challenging, interesting, and fun
- To encourage our players to develop healthy and responsible goals of their own

The Kenmore Soccer Club belongs to all of us, and we encourage you to bring your contributions and expertise to the club. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please speak to your child's coach or contact us directly at your convenience.

Fund Raising

The Kenmore Soccer Club is able to conduct fund-raising, but each activity needs to be approved by our Board of Directors.

If your team wants to conduct any fund-raising, just e-mail us at **voght@msn.com** with the details of what you propose, and the eventual use of the funds raised. We will get back to you promptly.

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