

## Heatwave Herald

# LFSC Newsletter

#### LAST WEEK AT THE FIRE

## **News and Results**



Hurricane Francine tried to keep us off the fields, but she failed!
Thanks to Coach Jason Dormady for working hard to get so many games scheduled this week at Lafreniere Park.

Several teams competed in LCSL this weekend, with notable wins for 2013 CP Red Boys, 2011 Red Boys & Girls, & 2014 LP Navy Boys.

At the Ascension Fall Classic, Coach Mark Dubuisson and Coach Ryan Hodkinson had great weekends with their respective teams.

Coach Mark's 2015 Competitive Development Girls team played up an age group and had a strong showing, improving and competing in each game. Coach Ryan's 2013 Navy Girls lost in a tightly contested final, losing 2-1 in the dying moments of the game. Great work ladies.

## Meet Coach: Randy Lee

Current Teams Coaching: 2007 Navy Boys & 2011 Navy Boys

Number of years with the club: 14 years

Nationality: American, with Italian, French and Mexican roots

#### **Coaching Background:**

- Louisiana Fire Rec. Coach 5 years
- Louisiana Fire Competitive Coach 9 years
- Brother Martin:
  - o Varsity assistant, Junior Varsity, Freshmen, 8th grade
- USSF C license

#### Playing background:

- 14 years club for Lafreniere soccer association select and travel
- 5 years at Brother Martin High school 3 year letterman
- 5 years With Selasa

Favorite Professional Team: Arsenal & Man City
Soccer Role Model: Don't have one but like Peps haircut



Best moment at LFSC: Winning the Bob Abbott
State cup 2x with 2007 LP Navy Boys and 2005 LP
White Boys. Winning the 2023 Houston Labor Day
Cup with 2007 White Boys, & winning the
Hattiesburg tournament with 2011 Navy Boys.
Advice to players: "Focus on the details in
practice and execute them in the game."

Interesting Fact: I have 6 children and I have coached all 3 of my sons and so far I one of my daughters; I love it.

#### TEAM OF THE WEEK - 2013 NAVY GIRLS



#### **Ascension Fall Class - U12 GIRLS FINALISTS**

2014 Navy Girls began the tournament in fine fashion, securing a 4-0 win against LCSL opponents (and tournament hosts), Ascension Flight. Next up, the team defeated Vermilion Reign 4-2, securing the top seed in the bracket. Unfortunately, the girls came up short in the final. losing a tightly contested match 2-1 to Westbank FC. Special mention to **Melania Corales** who had four goals and four assists in three games. Coach Ryan Hodkinson describes Melania as an extremely hard worker, both in and out of possession, with great pace that can cross and finish with both feet.



#### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

## Alec Gonzalez 2014 LP Navy Boys

Alec is a deserving 'Player of the Week' due to his exceptional performance in the team's first league game. His high work rate and pivotal role as the CAM were instrumental in securing a comfortable victory. Alec's remarkable achievement of scoring a hat trick highlights his attacking mindset and all out effort. Alec's relentless drive to improve and his unwavering dedication make him an outstanding choice for this recognition.

## **Alumni Spotlight**

#### DOMINIC (NICO) SALM - FC DALLAS

Nico Salm was identified as one of the top players in the state from a very young age. As a 2009, he was selected to play up at club, and was still one of the top performers. His talents led him to the MLS Next program, where he also played up at times. With his impressive LA TDP performances, Nico was scouted by several MLS Academies, but ultimately chose to sign for FC Dallas. Since signing for FC Dallas, Nico has been invited to the US National Team Pool Training Camps. Way to go, Nico!

Team played on: 2008 Navy & Red Boys - Coach Stu

School: Willow High School (but now part of the FC Dallas residency program)

Favorite Soccer Team: Chelsea Favorite Player: Eden Hazard Favorite Movie: Dodgeball

Favorite Club Memory: Winning Mid South Future Plans: Play professional soccer

**Position:** CDM

**Fun Fact:** As an 8th grader, Nico won the LHSAA State Title with Willow High School and was named to the All State team. Nico played on the team with his older brother, standout Sebastian Salm (Gatorade Player of the Year). Nico also trained at Barcelona Academy and Southampton Academy.

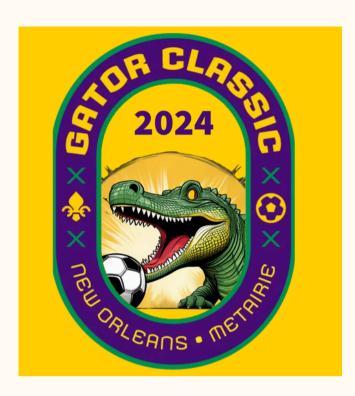




## **Upcoming Games**

CLICK OUR NEW GATOR CLASSIC LOGO FOR TOURNAMENT WEBSITE





GOOD LUCK TO ALL LFSC TEAMS THIS WEEKEND



## Global Results

**EPL & LA LIGA & INTERNATIONAL** 

#### **SEPT 14TH & 15TH**

Southampton 0 - 3 Man Utd Liverpool 0 - 1 Nottingham Forest Man City 2 - 1 Brentford Bournemouth 0 -1 Chelsea Tottenham 0 - 1 Arsenal Real Sociedad 0 - 2 Real Madrid Girona 1 - 4 Barcelona

LINK TO FOTMOB

## **Coaches Corner**

D.O.C HUBIE COLLINS
ARTICLE RECOMMENDATION



"Parents play a vital role in youth soccer and we are very grateful for all y'all do. This article gives some good insight into some best practices for parents of youth soccer players and how to maximize their child's experiences"

- Director of Coaching, Hubie Collins

LINK TO ARTICLE

## **Gator Classic Reminders**



#### **PARKING**

PLEASE ONLY PARK IN MARKED SPACES. PLEASE COMMUNICATE THIS TO YOUR ENTIRE TEAM.

JEFFERSON PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL BE ON SITE. VEHICLES PARKED IN UNMARKED SPACES WILL BE TOWED.

- CP Field 2 Parking parking for Field 2 is available at the South end of the complex.
- CP Field 3 Parking parking for field 3 is available at the South end of the complex, as well as the North Pavilion Parking lot.
- North Pavilion Lot All vehicles should park at a 45\* angle everywhere inside the lot, with the exception of the fence line between the entrance and exit gates.



#### **VENDORS**

Check out our tournament vendors:

El Principio - Food Truck

Big Easy Treats - Ice Cream

Dona Mary Pupeseria - Pupusas

Don Cruz Snowball & More - Snowballs & Street Corn



Fine Designs - Tournament Apparel

FRC Nutrition - Acai Bowls & More

Star Systems - Equipment & Apparel









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## What's Happening at LFSC

#### **CURRENT EVENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

One of our own players, Stephen Danna with the 2009 Red Boys, recently completed the referee course run by Rob Daigre.

If you're interested in making some extra money, and seeing the game of soccer from a different perspective, please sign up for the next course:

Sept 29th 9am-1pm Lions Field, Kenner

Contact Rob Daigre for more information rjdaigre@yahoo.com click picture for registration





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## **'SETTING CANCER ABLAZE'**





Calling all LFSC players, parents, and families,

We are incredibly proud to bring our community together for a cause that touches so many lives. Breast cancer affects millions of people each year, and as a soccer club, we believe in using the power of sport and teamwork to make a meaningful impact off the field as well.

Studies show that 1 in 8 women will suffer from breast cancer at one point during their lifetime.

We are not only celebrating the strength and resilience of survivors, but we're also raising crucial funds to support research, treatment, and those battling this disease. Every contribution, whether large or small, helps bring us closer to a future where breast cancer is no longer a threat to our loved ones.

Thank you for standing with us, and for helping us kick breast cancer to the sidelines!

We are asking each player on one of our teams to collect a 'starting 11' of donors. Each position is \$10. Total team = \$110.

If you add the 'Coach' position for \$25, the Club and Board will match the donation. The deadline is October 15th.

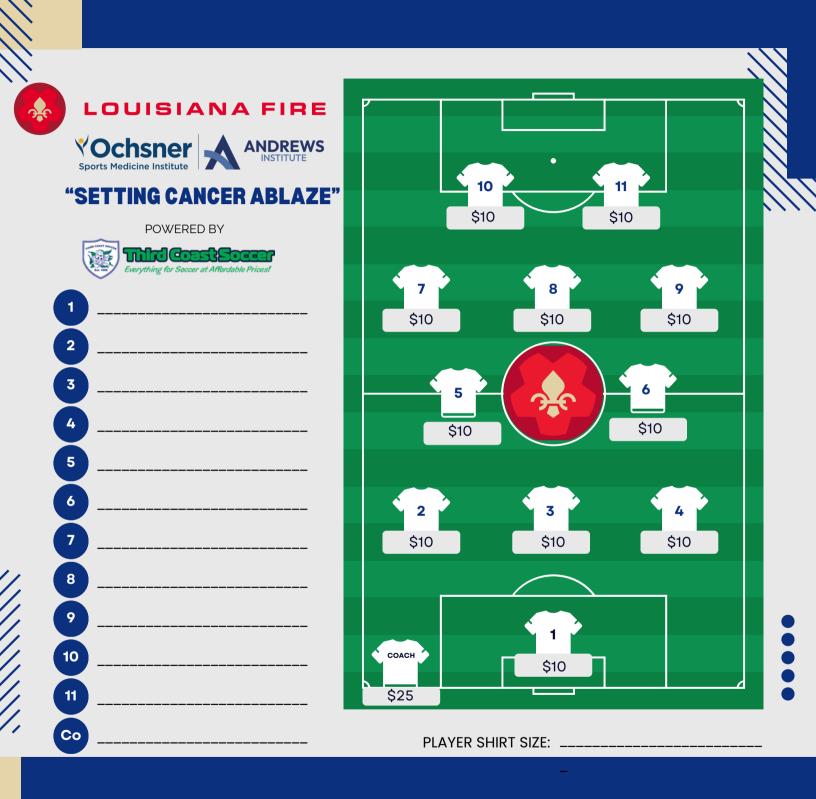
Players who can get a full team of donors will get a limited edition pink 'Setting cancer Ablaze' jersey, will be allowed to wear the jersey for training during October & November, and will be able to participate in the charity players vs coaches game (location and time TBD).

Donations of any amount are encouraged/accepted with all proceeds going to Ochsner Cancer Research.

Just print off the PDF below, fill out the information, collect and submit the money. Don't forget your shirt size.

FUNDS CAN BE COLLECTED VIA:
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PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT BREAST CANCER BY CHOOSING A POSITION ON THE FIELD.

TOGETHER OUR TEAM CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE OCHSNER CANCER RESEARCH DEPT.

THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING DONATIONS WILL BE OCTOBER 15TH.







# PROGRAM 2024

Part of the "Let Them Play" Campaign



Walk-Ons is committed to ensuring all kids have the opportunity to participate in youth sport and have pledged to help scholarship a select group of LFSC players

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- 3.0 GPA in school
- Have a financial need (assessed by LFSC)
- Demonstrate positive character traits

## TO APPLY

- Essay explaining why you are a good candidate for a scholarship
- One character reference
- School academic report
- Application through FACTS program
- Applications are due Oct 31st
- Send all information to
  - sponsors@lafiresoccer.com
  - matt@brechtelhospitality.com





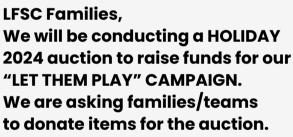




# **HOLIDAY AUCTION**

SUPPORTING THE "LET THEM PLAY"

CAMPAIGN



- Gift Cards
- Food and Beverage
- Experiences
- Company SWAG
- And everything in between

We will collect items through the end of the season (November 15th) and then make the items available for bid in the build up to Xmas (Ending December 13th).

Please fill out the google form to participate.



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**GOOGLE DONATION FORM:** 

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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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