

## Heatwave Herald

# LFSC Newsletter

## LAST WEEK AT THE FIRE

## **News and Results**



The Gator Classic did not disappoint this weekend, with several of our LFSC teams competing, resulting in several tournament finalists and even more tournament winners. Congratulations to all for a great weekend.

Outside of the Gator Classic, we had several teams compete in Mid South games in Gulfport, MS. Coach Matt's 2011 boys and girls teams had great results. The 2011 Red Boys tied their first game 5–5 against MS Rush and won their second 4–0 over GCU. The 2011 Red Girls destroyed their arch nemesis, the Jesters, 4–0, and then went on to beat Union 10 FC 2–1.

Coach Oscar and the 2007 Red Boys tied Union 10 FC 1–1 on Saturday and beat NASC Gravity 3–0 on Sunday to round out their Mid South weekend.

Coach Jio and the 2009 Red Boys lost to NUSA 1–3 on Saturday but came back strong Sunday with a 1–0 victory over HFC Thunder from MS.

## **Meet Coach: Saul Martinez**

Current team(s) coaching: Goalkeeper Trainer for all ages

Number of years with club: 24 years

Nationality: US Citizen

Favorite professional team: Arsenal

Soccer role model: Emmanuel Neuer and Lionel Messi,

both amazing people on and off the field

Best moment as LFSC coach: Seeing former goalkeepers i coached

for years get college scholarships and play at the next level

Playing background: Local adult leagues in NOLA

Coaching background: Louisiana Fire for all my coaching career

**Interesting fact:** I can often be seen on the sidelines helping coach teams when coaches are unavailable

"Goal keeping requires constant focus, determination and dedication, it is not for the faint of heart."

Saul Martinez



## TEAMS OF THE WEEK 2015/16 BOYS - FOURNET

#### **GATOR CLASSIC - 2016 BOYS FRENCHMEN DIVISION**

The 15/16B Fournet team, made up of players born between 2015 and 2017, fought hard to claim the Gator Classic Championship! Each game was a nail-biter, with every victory decided by just one goal. In the Finals, the match was tied until Parker Fournet delivered a clutch goal with just 3 minutes left, securing the championship win!



#### 2015 BOYS COMPETITIVE DEVELOPMENT - MAYES



#### **GATOR CLASSIC - 2015 BOYS FRENCHMEN DIVISION**

Coach James Mayes's 2015 Competitive Development Boys team had a great showing this weekend, winning the 2015 Boys Frenchmen Division at the Gator Classic. They won all four games, only conceding two goals on their way to lifting the trophy. The final was a back and forth affair. At half time, leading by a score of 2-1, Coach James made some adjustments and the boys romped on to a 7-1 victory. More to come from this talented young team, congrats!

#### 2014 BOYS LP RED



### **GATOR CLASSIC - 2014 BOYS FRENCHMEN DIVISION**

Coach Geo and the 14B LP Red team started fast on Friday and kept their foot on the gas through Saturday and into Sunday morning- outscoring their first 3 opponents by a combined 19-2 heading into the tournament finals.

After falling behind 0-2 in the 1st half of the championship match, the team showed great resiliency and continued to battle deep into the game when RW Jahintan Martinez was able to find the back of the net and cut the lead in half, breathing new life into the squad. Shortly thereafter, in need of some late game heroics, and with little time to spare, CB Jude Fleming hit the equalizer off of a drop ball to send the game into penalty kicks. From there the 14B LP Red converted 6 PK's and got a couple of massive saves from GK Pierce Wilkinson to secure the come from behind win in thrilling fashion!

## TEAMS OF THE WEEK 2014 BOYS CP RED



#### **GATOR CLASSIC - 2013 BOYS MAGAZINE DIVISION**

The 2014 CP Red Boys played up an age group to test themselves against older competition and walked away with the title. Their first game was a 7-2 victory over an Emerald Coast team. Cam Henderson led the Fire with several assists, and great runs from out wide. Their second game was a 7-1 victory over a very physical Houma team, with the goals being shared throughout the team, including a banger from center back Max Faust. The team progressed as the 1 seed and were pitted against a LA Krewe team in the final. The boys dominated the game from the first kick and ended up winning 4-2. Congrats to the team for a great weekend.

#### 2013 BOYS CP RED



#### **GATOR CLASSIC - 2012 BOYS MAGAZINE DIVISION**

The LA Fire 2013 CP Red Boys showcased exceptional skill and teamwork at the Raising Cane's Gator Classic in the 2012 Boys Magazine Division, under the guidance of Coach Macca. With a remarkable combined score of 22 goals for and just 1 against, they dominated their matches against NOLA Jesters Green, Westbank FC, and PARDS SC. Their relentless offensive pressure and solid defense not only secured victories but also highlighted their growth as a cohesive unit.

#### 2012 BOYS RED



#### **GATOR CLASSIC - 2012 BOYS FRENCHMEN DIVISION**

The 2012 Boys Red ended the weekend as Gator Classic Champions! Over the weekend, the guys showed that they are really starting to gel as a tight unit. They have worked really hard on the training ground at many aspects of the game, starting from the defensive side of the game. We take pride in our defending individually, pride in our defending as a team, and pride in the outcome when the team doesn't concede goals. This weekend was an example of that. The boys won the tournament without giving away a single goal. This allowed our attack minded play to shine through at the other end, winning 3-0 in the final against a very good Vestavia team. Congratulations to the guys for a productive and winning weekend.

## TEAMS OF THE WEEK 2009 BOYS WHITE



#### **GATOR CLASSIC - 2009 BOYS MAGAZINE DIVISION**

The 2009 White Boys got off to a great start with a 12-0 win over PSC, scoring in the first few minutes and never looking back. Next up was LA Fire SC 09B Gold. The 2009 White Boys took the lead in minute 6 but could not extend it. Their goalkeeper had to make a penalty save to keep them ahead going into halftime. Towards the end of the 2nd half, the forward put the team up 2 to 0 with a fantastic goal. In the final, the boys were pitted against MSC 2009 Boy Premier. Failing to take their chances, the game was deadlocked at the half, 0-0. Finally their quality shone through, with a couple of quick goals and a wonderful breakaway before the end of the game to seal victory.

2006/07 BOYS



#### **GATOR CLASSIC - 2006 BOYS FRENCHMEN DIVISION**

Coach Nestor led the 2007 Navy Boys to a tournament win this weekend, showcasing their dominance from the first whistle. Starting on Friday night, the team picked up a 2-0 victory over a strong Westbank FC team. The momentum continued Saturday with a dominant performance and shutout victory over Sulphur. The final score was 3-0 but could've been a few more had the boys been more clinical in front of goal. In the final, the team faced a young LFSC team, 2007 Navy, who were hungry to upset their elders and were stacked with talent. A competitive game ended with a 1-0 victory for Coach Nestor's team.

The team demonstrated great teamwork, discipline, and resilience throughout the tournament.

Unfortunately the team did not get to take a winning picture but they vow to be back for more medals.

## 2006/07 GIRLS RED



### **GATOR CLASSIC - 2006 GIRLS FRENCHMEN DIVISION**

Coach Harry Mason and the 06/07 Red Girls had a successful weekend winning the Gator Classic in the Frenchmen division. They cruised to the final playing some wonderful soccer, without conceding a single goal, beating Lafourche and DFC along the way. The final was a lot more competitive as they came up against a very strong, well coached LFSC 09 Girls team, coached by Corne Eksteen. The game was a back and forth affair with Harry's girls coming out on top by a score of 2-1. Way to go ladies, and keep up the good work.

## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



## FIELD SMALLPAGE 2012 BOYS RED GOALKEEPER

Field Smallpage played an instrumental part in the LA Fire 2012 Red Boys Championship at the 2024 Gator Classic. Field had three consecutive shutouts, including some top class saves. Each win gave the rest of his teammates continued confidence in their attack, and allowed them to score goals the right way. Thanks, Field, for your exceptional effort this weekend!

Field is not the only goalie in the Smallpage family. Younger brother Briggs is also an exceptional keeper, following in the footsteps of his soccer role model, Field. Briggs currently plays for Coach Stu on 2014 CP Red.

## LOGAN MCCLAIN 2014 LP BOYS NAVY GOALKEEPER

Logan's presence between the posts was crucial, as he helped the team hold opponents to just three goals over the span of four games. His leadership and energy were especially evident in the Finals, where he not only had an assist but also scored a jaw-dropping goal. With a massive punt from his own box, Logan launched the ball over everyone and straight into the opponent's net—a moment that had the entire field in awe! Logan's role goes beyond making saves. He is the voice of the team, constantly communicating from the backline to ensure his teammates are positioned for success. His drive and determination are unmatched, always pushing himself to improve and willing to put in the extra work with Coach Saul to fine-tune his skills. Logan's leadership, work ethic, and incredible play this weekend have set the bar high for the rest of the season. Congratulations, Logan!



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## EMILE BRAUD 2015 CD BOYS - MAYES

Emile Braud is our first Competitive Development nomination for Player of the Week following an exceptional first tournament. Emile has great leadership skills both on and off the field. He made some crucial tackles in defense as well as contributing to the attack with five goals and three assists. He has a very high soccer IQ and has shown all season what a good player he can become if he keeps putting in the hard work. Congratulations young man, Coach James, and all the LFSC family are proud of you.



## **Upcoming Games**

AT TIME OF PRINTING THE FOLLOWING TEAMS ARE COMPETING THIS WEEKEND
\*\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*

LCSL BOYS	LCSL BOYS	LCSL GIRLS	Gulf Coast Fall	Classic - Biloxi	Mid South - Tupelo
2014 B CP GOLD	2009 B NAVY	2014 G NAVY	2014 B CP WHITE	<u> </u>	2010 G RED
2014 B LP NAVY	2009 B RED	2014 G SILVER	2013 B CP NAVY		2007 B RED
2014 B CP RED	2009 B WHITE	2014 G RED	2010 B GOLD		
2014 B LP RED	2009 B GOLD	2012 G NAVY	2005 B NAVY		
2013 B CP RED	2008 B NAVY	2011 G NAVY			
2013 B LP NAVY	2007 B NAVY	2009 G RED		Competitive Development - PSL - Lafayette All 2015/16 teams competing	
2013 B CP WHITE		2008 G RED			
2012 B GOLD		2008 G NAVY			
2011 B WHITE					

GOOD LUCK TO ALL LFSC TEAMS THIS WEEKEND



**2011 B NAVY** 

## **Global Results**

**EPL & LA LIGA** 

SEPT 21ST - SEPT 22ND

West ham 0 - 3 Chelsea
Aston Villa 3 - 1 Wolves
Liverpool 3 - 0 Bournemouth
Tottenham 3 - 1 Brentford
Crystal Palace 0 - 0 Man Utd
Man City 2 - 2 Arsenal
Real Madrid 4 - 1 Espanyol
Villareal 1 - 5 Barcelona

## **Coaches Corner**

DIRECTOR JASON DORMADY PODCAST RECOMMENDATION



Mike Mancias is a renowned performance coach and trainer, best known for working with NBA legend LeBron James. With decades of experience in the sports world, Mike has become a key figure in helping athletes reach their peak performance through a combination of physical and mental training.

LeBron James' Trainer Mike Mancias: Our Secret To 20 Years Of NBA Dominance (E290)

LINK TO FOTMOB

LINK TO PODCAST

## What's Happening at LFSC

#### CURRENT EVENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SPECIAL GUEST ERIC REID VISITS LESC

ERIC REID, FORMER NFL SAFETY AND LOUISIANA GREAT, STOPPED BY PRACTICE WITH THE LP RED 2013 BOYS TO SHARE SOME OF HIS WISDOM. HE TALKED TO THE TEAM ABOUT TEAMWORK, RESPECTING EACH OTHER, AND MAKING GOOD CHOICES ON AND OFF THE FIELD. THE BOYS WERE CLEARLY IN AWE OF ERIC AND WERE HANGING ON EVERY WORD HE SAID. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE A SPORTING GREAT GIVE BACK TO HIS COMMUNITY.

REID WAS A STANDOUT FOOTBALL PLAYER FOR DUTCHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL NEAR BATON ROUGE, AND WENT ON TO PLAY COLLEGIATELY AT LSU, PLAYING FOR COACH LES MILES FROM 2010-2012.

HE WENT ON TO BE DRAFTED 18TH OVERALL BY THE SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS.

HE FINISHED HIS CAREER AT THE CAROLINA PANTHERS IN 2020.

FEW PEOPLE KNOW THIS, BUT ERIC REID AND YOUNGER BROTHER RYAN REID WERE BOTH STANDOUT SOCCER PLAYERS.







**Open House Series** 

Cabrini High School



Thursday October 3rd 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Cabrini High School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its policies.



## 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**

JUST CLICK BELOW

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LSA WEBSITE

**WEATHER UPDATES** 

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## **HOLIDAY AUCTION**

SUPPORTING THE "LET THEM PLAY"

CAMPAIGN



We will be conducting a HOLIDAY 2024 auction to raise funds for our "LET THEM PLAY" CAMPAIGN.

We are asking families/teams to donate items for the auction.

- 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:** 

**CLICK HERE** TO SUBMIT DONATION

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## SET CANCER ABLAZE

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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.

Bonus 'Coach Position' for \$25.

Deadline October 31st...

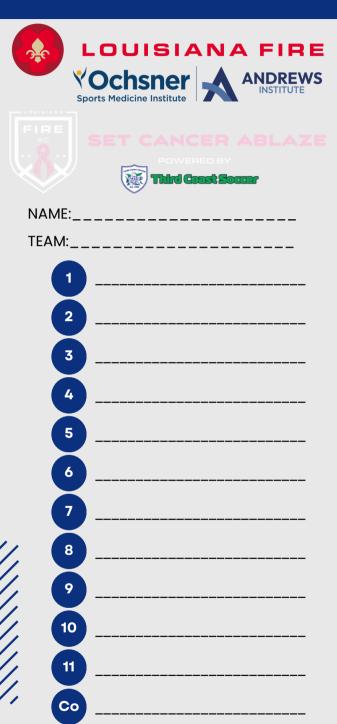
Those that can get a full team of donors will get a limited edition pink 'Setting cancer Ablaze' jersey, will be allowed to wear the jersey for training and intra club friendlies.

Donations of any amount are encouraged/accepted with all proceeds going to Ochsner Health's Breast Surgery Recovery Fund at The Lieselotte Tansey Breast Center.

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: CHECK: LOUISIANA FIRE SOCCER VENMO: @LAFIRESOCCER

CASH: COLLECTED BY TEAM MANAGERS





PLAYER SHIRT SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_\_

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 OCHSNER CANCER

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# 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







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