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May News

Upcoming Events:

May 27-30: Schaumburg Memorial Day Tournament, IL

June 3-5 : Center Grove Tournament, Indianapolis, IN.

June 9 & 11: Tryouts, Decatur Soccer Complex

June 12- July 24 4V4 League u10-u14

MidState SC adds two new members to coaching staff!

Midstate is delighted to announce the appointment of both Millikin women's coach, Emily Johnson and former professional soccer player and director of Midstate, Joe Morelli to it's coaching staff.

Emily Johnson will take on the role of goalkeeping coach starting in the fall of 2011, and will also be involved with the Midstate/Millikin summer camp Aug1-4.

Morelli will take on advisory role for technical & academy matters, and also will make special coaching appearances.

Midstate Director Colin Bonner said of the appointments;

"Both Emily and Joe have played and coached at the very highest level. We are very lucky & excited to have 2 people of this caliber giving back to soccer in the Decatur area, and Midstate is fortunate to be able to add such credentialed, respected coaches, but more importantly genuinely great people."

Emily will join former Millikin goalkeeper Derrek Swartz on the goalkeeping staff, providing Midstate with 2 fantastic coaches in this area.

Joe will work with director Bonner to oversee the ever-growing academy and provide expertise on the technical aspects of the game.



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Professional Soccer Update

Champions League Final, May 28th 1.45pm Barcelona v Man United

The world's most prestigious club soccer event is set for a thrilling finale as the champions of Spain meet the champions of England,

in the final at Wembley Stadium, London. This is the showpiece championship game for UEFA as arguably the two best teams in the world match up. Players to watch out for are world player of the year Lionel

Messi, Wayne Rooney, Xavi & the effervescent Ryan Giggs.

FIFA Women's world cup June 26- July 17.

USA Women's team are looking to reclaim the World Cup as Germany host the pinnacle event of the women's calendar. Look out for team USA. First game is June 28th.

MidState Director visits several elementary schools

Along with fellow Decatur Park district staff, Midstate Director Colin Bonner visited 11 elementary schools the week of May 2-6 in order to promote healthy active lifestyles and talk about the various soccer programs available over the summer for kids of all ages.

Bonner was delighted to get out in the community to meet and inform all the children of activities such as the tots program, recreational 4v4 league, summer camp & tryouts to

join travel teams, whilst having fun with the Decatur Park District's interactive presentation with the students. He is acutely aware of the need for students to stay active in the summer. Bonner said, "We offer several programs that are designed to be fun for the kids of all ages. By emphasizing fun, children will want to get involved and stay involved, resulting in long term health benefits and good life-style habits. Regardless if they choose soccer or not later in life they will develop an idea to stay

active in the community for future years to come, which is the main objective".



Midstate commits to RAISE THE LEVEL with launch of iSOCCER, summer 2011!

Midstate is delighted to announce that it will be partnering with isoccer!

Isoccer provides players & coaches the tools and motivation to improve their technical ability.

Director Colin Bonner said of the announcement, "This is exciting news for everyone associated with Midstate. Isoccer allows the players to measure and track their development of skills by setting up a club webpage just for us!"

The introduction of this program outlines the long term development plan that Midstate offers.

"The kids will be excited to log in to their own personal page, and after doing an assessment, be able to measure their scores against team-mates and players across the country. It really is a revolutionary way to train & motivate players to practice on their own and compete technically"

I soccer information will be added to our website, along with further information to follow on the initial club night when we will officially roll out this wonderful innovative program for travel players.

Go to isoccer.org to check it out.



MidState Soccer Club 'Tots Academy'

June 28 will see the kick off for the Tots Academy at the outdoor Decatur Soccer complex. The course will run on Tuesdays from 9.30am-10am through July 19, for kids aged 3-6.

The 'Midstate Tots' Academy will offer a fun and instructive environment in order to properly develop

the future soccer players in the Decatur area. Director of Coaching Colin Bonner and staff coach Hollie Lugten will lead the Academy, along with other staff coaches. Space is limited and registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

For additional information of the

MidState Soccer Club 'Tots' Academy please visit www.midstatesoccer.com or contact Colin Bonner at cbonner@decparcs.com.

Coach's Corner

As the spring season draws to a close I have to say I have been very impressed & feel excited for the future with our club's performances. I have also been happy to see that the 'Midstate Way' code of conduct has been followed well, as we are here to teach the players much more than just soccer.

I have to point out what an awesome spring academy we had with over 120 graduates from the ages of 5-9! The kids enjoyed learning

the fundamentals of soccer, games, & also some crazy hair and t shirt nights!

Meanwhile, our travel teams have enjoyed a fantastic spring season so far. Take a look at these results.

u13/14 Girls, Midstate Classic Cup – Champions. LISC Spring Invite– 2nd place

U12 boys, LISC Spring Invite– 2nd place

U15/16 Boys, LISC Spring Invite– Champions

U10 boys, Midstate Classic Cup– 2nd place

U16/17 Boys, Mid-America Cup– Champions.

I have witnessed signs of improvement for all our travel teams. Well done all Midstate teams!

**Colin Bonner, Director
Director of Soccer**

Midstate to incorporate US. Soccer Curriculum

Director of Coaching Colin Bonner is to incorporate the newly released U.S Soccer Curriculum at Midstate.

Says Bonner of the new curriculum, "Currently at Midstate we have a great philosophy and an extensive library of drills and games we use to teach the players. With the addition of incorporating this curriculum, it provides structure, a style of play for our teams and most importantly an age-

appropriate guide as to how much of each aspect of soccer the players should be learning."

This curriculum was presented by US. Youth Soccer Technical Director Claudio Reyna, former captain of the US National team, on April 21st, 2011, and outlines the pathway for soccer in the US for several years.

The curriculum is the result of years of research and traveling of the world by Reyna and his team to detail the ingredients for long term development and success for all of soccer in the States.

"It actually matches perfectly with Midstate's philosophy and it would be remiss of our club not to embrace this guide and join the thousands of other teams across the U.S as we look to further develop our players."

Rules of the Game

Law 11 & Offside

It is not an offence in itself to be in an offside position. A player is in an offside position if:

- he is nearer to his opponents' goal line than both the ball and the second last opponent.

A player is not in an offside position if

- he is in his own half of the field of play or
- he is level with the second last opponent or
- he is level with the last two opponents

A player in an offside position is only penalized if, at the moment the ball touches or is played by one of his team, he is, in the opinion of the referee, involved in active play by:

- interfering with play or
- interfering with an opponent
- gaining an advantage

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U13/14 girls Midstate Classic Cup Champions!

Get to Know...

Jenna Platzbecker

Team: u12 girls

Position: Forward

Favorite Soccer Team: Chicago Fire

Favorite Food: Spaghetti

Most Memorable Soccer Moment:

“When I rounded the goalkeeper and scored this season!”

Tucker Mathieson

Team: U15/16 & U16/17 Boys

Position: Everywhere! Def/Mid

Favorite Soccer Team: Man United

Favorite Food: Sushi

Most Memorable Soccer Moment:

“When I scored the championship winning penalty kick to win the Mid-America Cup in Peoria, April 2011!”

Tanner Martin

Team: U12 Boys

Position: Midfield

Favorite Soccer Team: Real Madrid

Favorite Food: Taco's

Most Memorable Soccer Moment:

“Scoring my first headed goal when I was 9!”

