

Midstate Monthly

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June News



Upcoming Events:

June 28-July 19 Mid-state Tots & Summer Academy program

June 12- July 24 4V4 League u10-u14 3pm & 4pm

June 12-July 24 7v7 adult league 6,7& 8pm

July 16th- Chicago Fire Club Outing

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MidState SC tryouts a success!

Midstate SC held it's tryouts June 9 & 11 for new and returning players for the fall/winter & spring seasons. Thank you to all who helped make this event run smoothly & also to all players for attending.

As a club we saw the talents of over 110 players over the two days, which is very encouraging, when considering it is a popular time for many to take vacations.

All teams were well represented, however, Midstate

will continue to recruit through the summer months as we try to fill a few roster spots here and there.

Players and parents can play a big role in recruiting. By completing a new participant form you can help recruit new talent to the club. The club's best recruiters are those currently involved and who are out in the community. Please take advantage of our 'new participant' offer where both returning player and new player can receive a discount when returning player 'refers' the new player to the club. Please contact director Colin Bon-

ner if you would like a form.

If you attended tryouts you will be contacted by June 27 on what the next steps are.

If you have any questions at this time please contact director Colin Bonner.

Once again a huge thank you for all those who expressed interest in Midstate SC. We hope to see many of you in the fall!



Soccer media update

Concacaf Gold Cup June 25-25, 2011

Semi-finals 6/22

USA 1-0 Panama

Mexico 2-0 Honduras

Final 6/25 8pm CST

USA v Mexico

ON FOX SOCCER

Midstate You tube channel.

Midstate has created a private youtube account to enable the club to post videos of play, goals, celebrations & all things Midstate!

If you have any Midstate videos please contact director Colin Bonner

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.

ESPN has coverage of games.

Chicago Fire club outing update– July 16th, 2011

Thank you to those who have expressed interest in this club outing! The club plans to make this an annual event in the future.

Midstate has around 130 premier tickets reserved for those who have ordered. These are located in the center area of the stadium, and all Midstate players will be offered the chance to get some on-field fun!

Arrangements for the game are as follows;

- Game time is 7.30pm, but pre match activities will begin around 6.30pm for those participating.
- Tickets will be ready for collection at the DISC very soon. Alternatively we can send these out to you. We will contact you via email as soon as tickets are ready.
- If you have yet to pay for your reserved tickets, please make checks payable to Decatur Park District, and drop off or

send to the DISC, 1295 W Wood, Decatur, IL, 62522.

- There is no caravan arranged to travel up together. However, if you would like to team up with other attendees feel free to do so.



Isoccer update: 1st assessment night to be held August 8!

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

As a club we will host around 4 'isoccer' assessment nights a year, and we will begin this on Monday August 8. This will consist of all players coming out for a regular training session, but instead we will have them complete the timed exercises where they can record their scores.

These scores will be recorded and submitted to the player's personal 'isoccer' page. Players, parents and coaches will then be able to view the scores and compare them with other players within the club and even with other clubs across the country! From there it's up to the players to work on these skills at



home until the next assessment where they can record improved scores. Players can also record scores at home with a parent. Midstate coaches can also assign 'homework' so each player will know what to work on until next assessment.

Isoccer is part of the regular club fees for Midstate, so there's no extra cost. Time to get ready for this exciting NEW program!

Midstate & Millikin combining on summer camp Aug 1-4

Midstate will be offering its annual summer camp in association with Millikin University. Camp is open to all soccer players in the area and will cater from ages 5-18.

Camp Times:

Ages 5-8 5.15-6.30pm

Ages 9-11 6.30-7.45pm

Ages 12-18 7.45-9pm

Camp is held at Decatur Outdoor soccer complex and will feature licensed coaches from Millikin University as well as other area coaches, and led by Director, Colin Bonner

Pick up your registration leaflet at the DISC and submit before July 8 to receive the \$20 discount & camp t-shirt! All entries after July 8 will be \$85.

This is a great event to introduce a non-Midstate family to the club! Go invite some friends!!

Coach's Corner

What a fantastic club spring season! Despite the many weather interruptions I have thoroughly enjoyed this spring season. Many of our teams experienced success and all I hope learned some new ideas & skills! As we approach the summer many of you will be taking a well-earned break from soccer and that is most definitely a good idea! With that being said Midstate does offer a few options for those wishing to continue playing throughout the summer.

GOALKEEPING TRAINING

Thu June 30/ Wed Jul6/ Thu July 14/ Thu Jul 21 with Coach Derrek, at 6pm.

U14 BOYS TRAINING

Thursday's at 6pm starting June 30th, with Coach Scott

4v4 YOUTH LEAGUE

Sundays at 3-5pm, starting June 12, with Colin Bonner & various staff coaches

7v7 ADULT LEAGUE

*** league now full**

Sundays at 6-8pm starting June 12 (Come out & see the Midstate coaches play!)

TOTS & SUMMER ACADEMY

Tuesday mornings starting June 28th with Coach Hollie & staff coaches

For info on all summer soccer contact director Colin Bonner

Midstate Director talks 'soccer education'

How do we make our club better? As director this is a question I continually ask myself.

One of the best answers I can give is simply 'education'. As a club, our main objective is to develop players, both on & off the field. In order to develop these players, I feel it imperative to develop anyone who has direct influence on these very players. This includes myself, coaches, and also parents. Parents play a vital role in the soc-

cer club as they spend the most time with the players and can be of huge value and influence. One of the things parents can do is get to know the game. There is lots of online education material out there that teach fundamentals and even advanced aspects of soccer. With soccer being a sport that is relatively 'new' to the country it can be beneficial to study & watch the game, to in turn help educate the players.

Having played soccer all my life, I know some things about soccer, but I far from know it all, & always strive to find out more. I will be attending an NSCAA course this July to further my knowledge as I believe in being a constant student of the game. My club philosophy is simple;

Coaches' development + parent development = player development = club development.

If you are interested in developing your soccer education please contact director Colin Bonner

What is ODP?

The Illinois Olympic Development Program or ODP, is the start of the identification process for the National and Olympic Teams. The Illinois Youth Soccer Association conducts the program for US Soccer under the jurisdiction of the US Olympic Committee. The

purpose of this prestigious program is to identify players on the basis of open tryouts and develop them to represent their state, region, and the United States in soccer competition. This is widely viewed as the 'next step' in soccer development from playing at club level. Players are still involved with their club but get the

chance to do supplementary training with the best coaches & players in the area.

For more information you can visit www.illinoisyouthsoccer.org/ODP

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U16/17 boys 2011 SCSA Classic at the Rock Champions!

Extra Congratulations to Bryce Hawthorne & Cody Drew who were both nominated for ESPN Decatur HS Soccer player of the year!



Get to Know...

Makayla Harder

Team: u14 girls

Position: Midfield

Favorite Soccer Team: Man Utd

Favorite Food: Spaghetti

Most Memorable Soccer Moment:

“A semi final V Charleston scoring 2 headers in 3 mins to win game 3-1!”

Jordan Sizemore

Team: U16/17 Boys

Position: Forward

Favorite Soccer Team: Barcelona

Favorite Food: Monical's Pizza

Most Memorable Soccer Moment:

“When I scored 3 goals and had 3 assists in the one game!”

Caleb Dowd

Team: U11 Boys

Position: Left Midfield

Favorite Soccer Team: Barcelona

Favorite Food: Pizza

Most Memorable Soccer Moment:

“Scoring 2 headed goals and 2 others in the same game!”

