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Nordic News

To: Coaches, Players, and Parents of Nordic Soccer Club.

Welcome to the start of the 2008-09 soccer season for Nordic Soccer and hopefully every-one is enjoying their summer holidays. Even though this is a quiet time of year for our Nordic players and families, the Nordic staff are hard at work behind the scenes preparing for the year ahead. We hosted our try-outs for our older boys and girls teams (U14 and older) and we had over 300 players try out. Our younger teams are hosting their try-outs in early September with dates and times below:

2008-09 Try-outs

U10-U13 Boys and Girls:

Saturday, September 6 & 13

1:00-2:30pm U10 Boys

1:00-2:30pm U10 Girls

2:30-4:00pm U12 Boys

2:30-4:00pm U13 Boys

Sunday, September 7 & 14

9:00-10:30am U11 Boys

9:00-10:30am U12 Girls

10:30am-12:00pm U11 Girls

1:00-2:30pm U13 Girls

All Try-outs are at the Tree Farm.

Nordic is very proud of our coaching staff and the great job that they do. Welcome to our newest member of our coaching staff, **Charlie Amblo**, who will be working with our younger teams. Charlie has trained, played and coached at all levels of the game for over 27 years in Europe, USA, Canada and with the Honduran National Team. He holds National Coaching licenses from the United States, Canada, England, and Netherlands.

Charlie has coached with UVM Women's Soccer, Colchester High School (Boys state champions), South Burlington High School, Synergy Football Club and the VT Olympic Development Program as well as teaching in local schools. From 1984 until 2001, Charlie was a founder and director of Far Post Soccer Enterprises and managed the Pepsi Soccer School and Far Post Soccer Club.

Charlie, a Vermont native, his wife Jolanta and daughters Leola and Beverly reside in South Burlington.

Good luck to all Nordic players with their High School and Middle school soccer seasons and also to all our current and former Nordic players with their College season. Nordic has a very strong connection with both University of Vermont and St. Michael's College with a lot of player's and coaches attending both schools. Younger players are encouraged to attend College games to support the teams and to improve their knowledge of the game. The full schedule for both UVM Men's and Women's soccer can be found at www.uvm.edu/~sportspr/ and the St. Mike's schedules can be found at www.smcatletics.com/landing/index.html.

Nordic Fall Program

Following the resounding success of our Fall Program last year, we will again be hosting this program at the Tree Farm starting in late September through early November. **The Nordic Fall Soccer Program** is available to all Nordic players on our U9 through U14 Boys and Girls teams. Players will work on the technical aspects of their game with small-sided games incorporated into coaching sessions to maximize player development. Nordic's highly qualified and experienced coaching staff will help players master the core techniques required to play soccer

U9, U10 & U11 Boys and Girls

Mondays September 29th, October 6th, 13th & 20th 5pm-6pm
Sundays October 26th and November 2nd 12pm-1pm Cost \$60

U12, U13 & U14 Boys and Girls

Sundays September 28th, October 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and November 2nd. 1pm-2.30pm Cost \$75

For more information and the application form, visit the Nordic website (www.nordicsoccer.org)

Players in the News

Congratulations to **Lauren Bernard** of the 15 Premier Girls, who has been named to the US Under 14 Girls National Team. Lauren participated in a weeklong ID camp in Pomona California from July 27th through August 2nd. Approximately 100 players from across the country participated in the camp. Of these 100 players, 36 were named to the Under 14 Girls National Team. Lauren and her teammates will represent the US and play in the 2008 Women's Nike Friendlies from Aug. 21-24, 2008 at the Home Depot Center in Carson, California.

Congratulations also to **David Ramada** of our U18 Premier Boys team. David was selected to attend the Region 1 ODP callback camp, in Massachusetts at the end of July. After four days at regional camp in New Jersey, the Nordic U18 Premier Boys team goalkeeper was selected to the Region 1 pool. About 40 players from the region were invited. David was one of three goalkeepers selected.

David is in his 2nd season with Nordic and ODP and will be Senior/Captain at Essex High School.

Finally, a combination of players from our 13 and 14 Premier Boys team went to England on a soccer tour in early August. The team of Stiles Alpeter, Matt Brien, Brett Nelson, Andrew Akiki, Roshi Brooklyn, Ken Krupa, Danny Samardzic and Aaron Shapiro were joined by guest players Stephen Akiki (keeper), Jordy Corrales (from Florida) and Sebastian Vasquez (from Boston). Nordic parents and siblings joining the group were Geoff/Maria Akiki, Dave/Kathy and Alexis Brien, Dave/Janet and Karen Krupa, Mark/Kathy and Jessica Nelson, Shelagh Shapiro as well as Coach Ross Duncan. After a couple of days sightseeing in London, the team enjoyed games against local opposition in London, Sheffield and Crewe as well as visiting the Emirates Stadium to see games between Arsenal, Real Madrid, Bayer Leverkusen and Juventus and Manchester United's "Theatre of Dreams" at Old Trafford to see United play against Juventus. For more info and photo's of the trip, visit the Nordic website (www.nordicsoccer.org)

Coaches don't forget to e-mail your team/player stories/achievements to Jim Goudie at thecalfee@aol.com no later than the end of the month.

