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Nordic News

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

Welcome to the May 2008 edition of **Nordic News** and we hope that every-one is enjoying the great weather and being outdoors at the Tree Farm for practices and games. Our outdoor season is in full swing with many of our teams enjoying a lot of success in their early games in both Y league and Vermont Soccer League (VSL). Take a look at our "Players in the News" section for all team news from the first few weeks of games.

Now that we are up and running with our outdoor league games, here's a few useful websites that you can visit for schedules and field locations etc.

Vermont Soccer League (VSL) -- www.vermontsoccerleague.org and then click on www.usofficials.com/ViewSchedulevslpre.asp for full schedules...directions to all fields in Vermont can also be found on this website www.vermontsoccerleague.org/Venues/Venue_Directions.htm

Vermont Soccer Association (VSA)—for all State Cup, Region 1 and ODP information
www.vermontsoccer.org

Y league- www.superyleague.com

State Cup games this weekend.

This coming weekend is the first round of State Cup games and a lot of our teams will be in action. Games start this coming Friday night (5/16) with games at 6pm at the Tree Farm followed by quarterfinals and semi-final games on both Saturday (5/17) and Sunday (5/18). Full schedules with game times and locations can be found on the Vermont Soccer Association website (www.vermontsoccer.org)

Please come out to the Tree Farm and support all our Nordic teams as they compete in their State Cup games.

Tree Farm rainout procedure.

We have been blessed with great weather so far this spring (touch wood) and hopefully the good weather will continue. If bad weather is ever an issue and there is a chance that the Tree farm may be closed, Nordic parents are encouraged to call the Nordic office number...802 288 9577. If the Tree farm is closed, there will be an automated message stating so. If you get our regular message, then the Tree Farm is open. Please do not leave a message asking us to call you back- because we won't call you back!!!!...Nothing personal!

Players in the News

Cold and rain in Hanover didn't stop our 11 Premier Boys from getting off to a great start in VSL play. Their first game against Upper Valley Lightning ended in a 3-2 win which was followed by a 8-2 victory against Far Post Blue. In their next weekend of games, a 3-2 win over Synergy was followed by a closely fought 1-1 tie with Far Post Orange.

Jesse Brady Searby's 12 Premier Boys started their outdoor season by going 2-2 at the Seacoast Invitational in New Hampshire in early April. They beat NH Classics 1-0 on a **Jordan Lamay** single and Boston Bulldogs 2-0 thanks to **Ekow Annan** and **Stiles Alpeter**. Their two losses came to Ottawa Fury (1-0) and Boston Bolts (2-0) In VSL, they are off to an even better start with a 4-0 record. In their first weekend of games, they completed a double with a 5-0 win over Far Post Orange and a 7-0 win over Upper Valley Lightening. Then our ref friendly coach led his team to a hard fought 4-2 victory over a good Plattsburgh FC team and a 10-1 win over Soccer United. **Ross Duncan's 13 Premier Boys** also attended the same tournament with a 1-2-1 record. **PK Annan** scored the only goal

in a 1-0 victory over Cape Cod Crusaders before a 0-3 loss to West Hartford (CT), a 0-0 tie with Ottawa Fury and a 2-1 loss to NH Classics on a **Danny Samardzic** goal. In their first ever Y league games, the 13 Boys lost a close 2-1 game to Boston Bulldogs with Shane Haley scoring before rebounding with a 2-2 tie with Cape Cod Crusaders with Haley and PK Annan scoring the goals.

In VSL victories over Milton (7-1) and Synergy (5-1) were followed up with a 2-1 win over Far Post and a 1-1 tie with Middlebury.

Jim Goudie's 14 Premier Boys have had a steady start to their season. At the Seacoast Invitational they went 1-2-1 with a 2-1 win over Seacoast (NH) thanks to dynamic duo **Jack Loud** and Nate **LeClair** and then followed a close, hard fought 3-1 loss to nationally ranked Albertson (NY) with **LeClair** scoring the opening goal. A 1-1 tie with FSA (CT), **Jack Loud** scoring, was followed by a 1-0 loss to Cape Cod Crusaders. Next up was a Y league road trip to Boston Bulldogs (1-1) with **Thomas Artsensage** scoring a late equalizer and a 0-0 tie with Cape Cod Crusaders. In VSL, the 14 Boys are 4-0 with wins over Derby (8-0), Soccer United (6-2), Synergy (2-1) and Plattsburgh FC (5-0). In their first set of VSL matches, the **Nordic 14 Spirit Boys** defeated Mad River 2-0 in their first match and drew 1-1 with the Far Post Developmental Team. This was followed with more success, defeating S. Vermont United 4-0 and Rutland 6-0.

The **16 Premier Boys** went 1-1 in their opening Y league weekend. Their season got off to a great start with a 3-1 win over Cape Cod Crusaders with **Amar Kapic** grabbing a double and **Lucas Fitzgerald** grabbing a single before a heart-breaking 1-0 loss to the Boston Bulldogs with a last minute winner from the hosts. A 4-1 win over Upper Valley Lightning (**Yessi Gar-Elnabi 2, Nick Hart and Erich Schwer**) and a 3-1 victory over Plattsburgh (**Nick Hart 2, Lucas Fitzgerald**) were followed by a 1-0 loss to Springfield and a 0-0 tie with Southern Vermont Select in their opening VSL games.

Wade Jean's 17 Boys team traveled to Fort Devens soccer complex in Lancaster, MA to play in the inaugural edition of the Toyota College Classic. It was a productive day as they scorched a weaker MPS United Nations team 7-2 and played to a 2-2 draw with a strong Crusaders United side. The man of the matches would have to be Tommy Gingras who proved he can finish and scored 5 goals on the day. This was followed by a 1-1 tie with Boston Bulldogs in Y league action with **Adam Hart** scoring before another 1-1 tie with **Amar Gosto** scoring against Cape Cod Crusaders.

The Nordic 11 Premier Girls are off to a great VSL start this season. The girls have a 3-1 record with wins against Lightning (3-1), Far Post Orange (4-2), and Plattsburgh FC Black (4-0). Their one loss goes to Far Post White in a very even match last Saturday. A late goal from Far Post gave them the 1-0 win with one minute left in the game. Coach **Angie Faraci** is very proud of all the hard work the girls put into training and their ability to transfer that information into game situations.

The **Nordic 12 Premier Girls** started the outdoor season going to the Glastonbury Spring Warm-up Tournament. They played Greenwich United (3-0), Westport Soccer Association (5-1), FSA Soccer Plus FC (3-0) and Southbury Soccer Club (3-0). With the warm-up and excitement of the championship at Glastonbury they headed into their VSL games the following weekend. The first two games they played Upper Valley Lighting (7-0) and Capital (5-0) and followed that up with wins over Plattsburgh (3-0) and Far Post (3-1). They go into the State Cup with eight games played with 32 goals scored and only letting in two goals.

Kelly Boyden and Jess Valley's 14 Spirit Girls first two games of the season were a 3-2 loss against Essex United and a 1-0 win against Southern Vermont. Then, a direct goal from a **Lila Frank** corner kick earned them a 1-1 tie with Mad River before a 3-1 win against Far Post Development team.

In mid April, the **16 Premier Girls** team participated in the Toyota Classic College Showcase at Citizens Fields in Lancaster, MA with nearly a full roster! For the first time outside, **Coach Hector Tamayo** was pleased with the team's performance rallying back from a first game loss to the SC Sharks Rhode Island to defeat the Nashua World Cup, 3-1.

The weekend of April 19-20 saw the team in the Hope College Showcase at Golden Goals Park in Ft. Ann, NY. The team stayed on site and participated in team building activities in addition to playing four games. This gave Coaches **Hector Tamayo** and **Amy Forbes** an opportunity to speak with the team and individual players about goals for the season. Tight on players due to school vacation and injuries, the team demonstrated tenacity and depth of character in battling some challenging teams, winning their game "under the lights" on Saturday evening.

Lindsey Duncan's 17 Premier Girls garnered impressive wins in VSL with 5-0 and 9-0 wins over Plattsburgh FC and Upper Valley Lightning respectively. There were comprehensive performances with command in midfield with great energy and team unity with Mimi Eckenstein, Kirsten Bombardier and Natalie LeClair all playing vital roles. Excellent day for the team front to back.

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.

