



FOOTNOTES

News from Palatine Celtic Soccer Club



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Letter From The President

Soccer Players and Parents,

The numbers are in and it's going to be another fun packed, full season of soccer!!! We have over 1600 kids in the U-8 - U-14 House Program and have added several Travel teams for the 2003-2004 season. We are trying to clear the waiting list for the House Program and need YOUR HELP. We still need coaches in U-10 boys and U-12 girls as well as assistants in almost every age group. Please do not feel you can't help because you do not know anything about soccer. Very few of us did when we started and we managed to learn the game and have a lot of fun with our kids in the process. We are offering coaching clinics continually and are always willing to help new coaches get started. VOLUNTEER'S CHILDREN ARE GUARENTEED A PLACE ON A TEAM!!!!

We also need a Director of Volunteers for the current season and will need replacements for current board members who will be stepping down at the end of the 2003-2004 season. Board elections will be held in March 2004 for the 2004-2005 season.

The House Program is the "Best Deal in Town"—\$70.00 buys you 12 games, 30 practices, a tee shirt and pair of socks plus a season ending tournament for the U-10 - U-14 divisions and extra games for the U-8 division. We build our teams in the U-8 division from neighborhoods and schools

and draft by ability in the U-10 - U-14 with teams given equal numbers of kids rated A-D by their coaches of the previous season, travel players are also equally distributed to the teams.

What are your children's rights as club members in the house program?

- Respectful treatment by coaches and other players
- Playing at least 1/2 of every game
- Suitable playing fields

What are the responsibilities of you and your children in the house program?

- Sportsmanship and respect for all coaches, players, referees and spectators all the time
- Routine attendance at practice-helps in determining game playing time.
- Support of the team and coach
- Do not treat soccer as a babysitting service and be on time for practice and games and be there at the end of practice to pick up your child on time.

The house program is all about F-U-N. Please help us have good, clean and fun games. Praise from the sidelines but please do not coach.

Soccer is a Kick!

Nick Sawyer

President, Palatine Celtic Soccer



Boys HS Age Travel Team Tryouts 2003-2004

All tryouts for Boys U-15 through U-18 Age Groups 2002-2003 Travel Teams will take place on Sunday, Oct 5 & Sunday, Oct. 19, U-15 & U-16 6:00-8:00 PM and U-17 & U-18 6:30-8:30 PM at Celtic Park.

Participants will tryout for teams based on skill and ability. The coaching staff of teams involved as well as an independent trainer will conduct tryouts. If participants would like to "play-up", they can try. However, there is no guarantee for a spot on their age appropriate team. There will be no teams specifically for one high school or the other.

All interested participants should RSVP by contacting Tom Wylie at (847) 202-1135 or by emailing him at wylie29@webtv.net stating name, age

and which age group team they are trying out for to ensure the appropriate number of trainers/evaluators are present. Those interested may visit the website at www.palatinecelticsoccer.org to download a medical release form which is required for try-outs. Those who do not have a pre-registration form will need to bring a parent with them to the tryouts. Please do not drop off participants unless registration is completed. All participants should bring a soccer ball and water bottle and wear properly fitting shin guards, soccer shoes and refrain from wearing a travel team jersey.

Please refer to the Club Website at www.palatinecelticsoccer.org for updates.



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Palatine Celtic and Celtic Cup

Tournament Night with the



CHICAGO FIRE



At Cardinal Stadium in Naperville

Saturday, September 6th, @ 7.30pm

See the Fire take on Brian McBride and the Columbus Crew



All Tournament participants to participate in an on the field parade

Great Seats Discounted to \$14 (Normally \$17)

Tickets can be purchased by calling Monica Feters on 847- 705- 6429 or by e- mailing pcadwell@mlsnet.com by September 3rd to receive discounted prices.

Make checks payable to: **Palatine Celtic**. Fill out the form below detach & return with

CHECK or CASH to Monica Feters, 355 North Williams Drive, Palatine, IL, 60074

All Orders Must be received by September 3rd

Name: _____ Phone #: (____) _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____, Illinois Zip: _____

of Tickets: _____ @ 14.00 = Amount Enclosed \$ _____ .00

***Ticket Orders must be turned in by September 3rd**

Please make checks payable to: **Palatine Celtic**

No discounts available on the day of game.



Get Ready for Palatine Celtic Cup 2003

Plans are well underway for our Club's showcase event in the travel soccer community during the Labor Day Weekend, Friday, August 29 – Monday, September 1. The games will be held at Palatine High School, Celtic Park, Hamilton Reservoir, Oak Park, Maple Park and Community Park, all in Palatine and within a few miles of each other. Over 320 local and out-of-state teams, including many Midwest State Cup Champions and Runner ups, are expected to participate this year.

With the help of numerous corporate sponsors, local businesses, organizers, and volunteers, this year's tournament should be one of the best in the Midwest, contributing great success to our club and our community. In addition to the revenue contribution to the businesses of Palatine, last year the event raised over \$30,000 for the Club, part of which was used to pay our portion of the new restroom, concession, and storage facility at Hamilton. All funds raised from these tournaments are used to support the Club's capital program, which includes, among other things, a building at Celtic Park and lights on Hamilton fields. Annually, the event also provides an opportunity for travel teams to earn funds which offset their team's budget for uniforms, tournaments and trainer fees through their volunteer commitments and ad sales.

Most of this event is entirely run by more

than 600 volunteers involved in tasks from set up to clean up and EVERYTHING in-between! All families from Celtic's Travel program are involved in the event and there are many more volunteers whose children are no longer in the program!

The Volunteer Committee, led by Julie Houpp (202-1213 or Houppsk@aol.com) and Lisa Perkins (705-5759 or L.a.perkins@comcast.net), is working diligently on scheduling the volunteers. Travel teams who fill their required volunteer slots receive a cash bonus to use towards their annual budget. Each team should pick up



their team's sign-up folder from Julie by August 18 and return them to her no later than August 25. It is only after all assignments are received that the committee will begin tabulating and formulating the sign in sheets that are ever so important to ensure that each team receives their bonus. ♦

IYSA Selects Matt Jakobsze for ODP

Illinois Youth Soccer selected **Matthew Jakobsze** in the U-17 Boys Illinois Olympic Development Program State Team or more commonly known as Illinois ODP. Matthew is one of the youth players selected who are considered the "cream of the crop" in Illinois after an extensive four-day selection camp. Over 1,500 of the top youth soccer players in Illinois began the Illinois ODP process at district tryouts last July and during the course of the last year numerous training sessions and games have taken place to identify the top players in each age divi-

sion to advance to the Illinois ODP State Camp. The four-day "State Camp" was held at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois.

Afterward, at the ODP-Region 2 Tournament, also at NIU, Matt captained the ODP-Region 2 Composite Team vs. Illinois, South Dakota and Northern Ohio.

Matthew Jakobsze, a former House and U-10 Travel player, has served for several years as a referee for Palatine Celtic Soccer and is now serving as an assistant coach to one of our travel teams.

Congratulations Matthew!!! ♦

House Coaches Meeting and Equipment Night

All house coaches should plan on attending equipment night on August 28 at 7:30 pm at the Palatine Senior Center, 505 S. Quentin Road. At this event, coaches will receive team schedules, picture forms, t-shirts, game ball, goalie shirt, etc.. Coaches should contact their division director if they require additional information:

U-8 Girls: Mark Fink 847-705-0068
U-10 Girls: Bev Breen 847-359-1556
U-12 Girls: Mike Podjasek 847-991-8738
U-14 Girls: Larry Shramm 847-963-6359
U-8 Boys: Rod Esbrook 847-359-6855
U-10 Boys: Ruth Schweikert 847-991-8535
U-12 Boys: Len Marturano 847-776-8130
U-14 Boys: Nick Espinosa 847-991-5138 ♦

Report from the Travel Program

By John Jakobsze

Meet John McArtor – John, 29, a Palatine resident, is currently the Head Coach/Trainer for the new Boys U-9 Arsenal and Gunners teams. He has been playing soccer since he was 8 years old. John made the Milwaukee All-City High School 1st Team in '81 & '82; Wisconsin All-State 1st Team in '82. He played college club soccer at University of Texas-El Paso. He currently plays for Palatine Celtic Over 30 and Glenview Park District (Open) teams. John's coaching experience includes 6 yrs. at the "rec" level with Palatine Celtic and Leduc (Alberta, Canada) and, most recently, 2 yrs. with U9 & U12 Girls and both last year's U9 Boys teams. He holds a USSF "D" Coaching License and will be going for NSCAA National Youth Diploma

Course this summer.

John's view on coaching soccer includes lots of positive reinforcement (especially at the younger ages) and coaching primarily during practices and only at beginning, halftime, and end of games. During games, John lets players learn to make decisions for themselves and learn from their mistakes. At the younger ages, John focuses on ball mastery and tries to teach players to begin a love for the game, traditions and sportsmanship.

John is father to Raisa (Race), 13, Gabriella (Gabbie), 10, and John (Johnny), 7, who (as you may have already guessed!) all play soccer. ♦

Important Dates in Palatine Celtic Soccer

- ♦ August 16 – U-8/10 IYSA Coaching Clinic, 9am-1:30pm, Community Center Rm 1C
- ♦ August 18 – Travel Coaches and Trainers meeting, 8:30 pm, Laser Quest on Rand Rd
- ♦ August 19 - Palatine Celtic Cup Committee Meeting, 7pm, Community Center
- ♦ August 23 – U-12 IYSA Coaching Clinic, 9am-1:30pm, Community Center Rm 1C
- ♦ August 28 – House Coaches Meeting and Equipment pick up, 7:30pm at the Senior Center
- ♦ August 29–September 1 – Palatine Celtic Cup
- ♦ September 6-7 – House Season Begins
- ♦ September 6 – Travel pictures at Birchwood
- ♦ September 8 - Celtic Board Meeting, Community Center
- ♦ September 13 – House pictures at Walter E. Sundling Jr. High
- ♦ October 6 - Celtic Board Meeting, Community Center
- ♦ October 9 – Kinsella Cup - 6:30 at Fremd High School
- ♦ October 25 - 26 - House Fall Season Ends ♦

Toe Stubbers Unite!

Any coaches and parents desiring to practice what they preach and to have some fun are invited to put on their soccer shoes and join others every Sunday from 8:30 to 10 am at Cardinal Field in June, July & August and at Maple park in September. ♦

Cardinal Field Caution

It has been observed that some parents are stopping along Illinois Avenue to drop off or pick up players from Cardinal Park. Please note that the signs prohibiting stopping and standing along Illinois Avenue in front of Cardinal Park are posted for safety reasons. Parents may use the parking lot west of Cardinal field or the village lot across from Cardinal Field when dropping off or picking up players from Cardinal Field. As always, please use caution when crossing or travelling along Illinois Avenue. ♦

Clinics Time Change

Note! The Coaches Clinics scheduled for August 16 and 23 will be held from 9 am to 1:30 pm at the Community Center rather than the earlier 8-12:30 time slot announced previously. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Although registration was due August 2, you may try contacting the IYSA at 847-290-1577 to see if there is still space left. ♦

