



Week of March 24-30, 2008

Training Schedule for April 1-3

Training sessions for field players and keepers as well as free clinics for the Spring 2008 season will officially begin the week of April 7. However, several pre-season training sessions are planned for April 1-3 at Seminole Valley. Please see specific dates and times below. If weather conditions are questionable, be sure to call the CRSA hotline.

Tuesday, April 1

5:30-7 p.m.

12 boys and 12 girls (Kerry)

7-8:30 p.m.

10 boys and 10 girls (Kerry)

Wednesday, April 2

5:30-7 p.m.

12 boys and 12 girls (Kerry)

13 boys and 13 girls (Alen)

11 boys and 11 girls (Donovan)

14 boys and 14 girls (Howe)

7-8:30 p.m.

9 boys and 9 girls (Alen)

10 boys and 10 girls (Kerry)

11/12 boys competitive and 11 girls competitive (Howe)

13/14 boys and girls competitive (Donovan)

Thursday, April 3

5:30-7 p.m.

13 boys and 13 girls (Alen)

11 boys and 11 girls (Donovan)

14 boys and 14 girls (Howe)

7-8:30

9 boys and 9 girls (Alen)

11/12 boys competitive and 11 girls competitive (Howe)

13/14 boys and girls competitive (Donovan)

J-Hawks Offer Spring Break Camp

Where: Lower Kingston Fields (next to ice arena)

When: April 1st – 3rd from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Who: Boys and girls ages 5-13

Cost: \$35 (includes t-shirt)

The focus of the camp will be to work with kids on **basic ball skills** through **fun activities** and **small-sided games**. The camp will be run by the Jefferson Girl's Soccer coaching staff along with players from the team and should be a great time for all. Please make sure each camper comes prepared with: a size four soccer ball, shin-guards, sunscreen, and water. Snacks provided.

For more information, email Ash Brannan at asbrannan@cr.k12.ia.us

Check Out this Goal

Coach Howe recommends taking a look at this goal by Alexandre Pato. It's an incredible curling shot from near the sideline that recently gave Brazil a 1-0 win over Sweden and has Brazilians comparing the 18-year-old to Pele and Ronaldo. Pato's goal came 12 minutes into his debut. Pele scored 32 minutes into his debut, against Argentina, in 1957. Ronaldo hit the net after 51 minutes against Iceland in 1994 in his national team debut. "It's always nice to get off to a good start," Pato said in the post-game interview.

Click [HERE](#) for video of Pato's goal against Sweden.

The Question College Hopefuls Must Ask

By Avi Stopper for Soccer America

Wilbur Avataria is a good soccer player. He's been in touch with a dozen or so college coaches, visited a handful of those schools, and scored a stunning goal at Dallas Cup. Recruiting is moving along pretty well for him. But there's one glaring exception: he has no idea how serious any of these coaches are about having him on their teams.

Yes, he's sent them a profile, a copy of his transcript, and a video. He's visited their campuses, watched practices, and stayed with players. And he's gotten the coaches to see him play. It really seems like he's actually being recruited. (He text messaged his teammate the other day: "omg! it's happening!!! tly!")

The problem? Despite the strides he's made, his status is still largely unclear. For all he knows, there could be 50 other players in the exact same position - and in fact, there probably are. College coaches maintain massive databases that contain up to 1,000 players. Gradually, coaches pick up information about the players in their database and then try to make well-reasoned judgments about who's right for their team.

Some players like Wilbur do everything right - they provide coaches with transcripts, schedules, videos, recommendations, etc. - but then fail to ask The Question: "Where do I stand?" The answer to this question is the only thing that really matters in recruiting. It lets you know whether you should continue your recruiting efforts with a given school or look elsewhere.

Doing the legwork to get to a college coach to know enough about you to make a well-reasoned judgment is essential. But once this has been accomplished, you must ask the college coach for an honest assessment. This information is invaluable; knowing where you stand with each college will help guide you through the rest of the recruiting process.

Before you go practice on your little brother, remember that The Question isn't meant to be an interrogation. You don't want to back the college coach into a corner with aggressive questioning. No less, the coach has the responsibility to provide you with an honest answer.

Here are four responses you might hear:

1. Join Us! In the best case scenario, the coach will tell you that he'd really like you to come play for his team. Would he have volunteered this information had you not asked? Who knows? The point is, asking The Question got you the answer you needed.

2. Uh, Sorry. There's always the possibility that you'll hear something like, "We don't feel like you're a good fit for our team." Ouch. It may sting, but getting this sort of honest response, painful as it may be, is actually a good thing. It lets you focus on the schools that are interested.

3. More Info Needed. Another response you may hear is, "We need to see you play more before we make a decision." This is great because it helps you plan your next steps. Ask what tournaments and camps he's going to be attending and then find a way to get to one of those events.

4. Ambiguous Blah. You may also get an ambiguous response along the lines of, "We think you can contribute." Don't be afraid to ask a follow-up question like, "What exactly does that mean?" The coach may still not be forthcoming, which is why it's essential for you to communicate with coaches at multiple schools. If things fall through in one place or are too ambiguous for comfort, you always have other warm leads.

No matter how the conversation goes, you should feel good about yourself for taking charge and asking the tough question. The best player-college coach relationships are built on honesty and respect. By being forthright about your interest and asking the coach to do the same, you're setting the right precedent.

(Avi Stopper played at Wesleyan University and coached at the University of Chicago. He is the founder of [CaptainU](#), a recruiting web application that allows players and college coaches to meet, exchange information, and build relationships. Avi is also the author of the recruiting guidebook [Make the Team](#) and the host of the college recruiting podcast [Radio CaptainU](#).)

CRSA Member Offers Solution to Wet, Stinky Soccer Gear

Submitted by Mike Foley



With the Spring Soccer Season fast approaching and wet soccer games ahead one of the toughest elements soccer players and parents have to struggle with is wet and stinky soccer gear. The odor is unbearable and wearing wet cleats, shin guards and goalie gloves is quite unpleasant. Many players have multiple pairs of soccer gear for this very reason and the expense can add up to hundreds of dollars.

There is a solution to wet and stinky soccer gear. It is called Soccer Dryers™ from Soccer Club Car Flags and Apparel, LLC who has launched a website called www.SoccerDryer.com featuring two models of Soccer Dryers™ to help dry out and prolong the life of your soccer gear. Act now and don't be caught at your next game or tournament with wet and stinky soccer cleats, shin guards and goalkeeper gloves.

For more information, visit www.SoccerDryer.com or send email to sales@soccerclubcarflags.com

Thoughts for the Week

"When you do the common things in life in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world." *George Washington Carver*

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." *George Washington Carver*

"I never see what has been done; I only see what remains to be done." *Madame Curie*

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