## DYSA CHRONICLES



The latest news from Delaware Youth Soccer



#### CELEBRATE YOUTH SOCCER MONTH THIS SEPTEMBER!

ENTER YOUTH SOCCER MONTH CONTESTS BEGINNING SEPT. 1 NATIONAL STREET SOCCER DAY SEPT. 7 NATIONAL MAKE YOUR OWN BALL DAY SEPT. 15

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US YOUTH SOCCER, THE NATION'S LARGEST YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION, IS EXCITED TO KICK OFF THE 14TH ANNUAL YOUTH SOCCER MONTH - CELEBRATING SOCCER IN AMERICA THIS SEPTEMBER, AND THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH PROMOTING THE BENEFITS OF SOCCER.

"EACH YEAR US YOUTH SOCCER LOOKS FORWARD TO SPEARHEADING THE YOUTH SOCCER MONTH INITIATIVE TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE BENEFITS OF PLAYING THIS WONDERFUL SPORT," SAID CHRIS MOORE, CEO OF US YOUTH SOCCER. "THE CELEBRATION FURTHERS US YOUTH SOCCER." MISSION TO FOSTER THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICA'S YOUTH THROUGH THE SPORT OF SOCCER AT ALL LEVELS OF AGE AND COMPETITION.

YOUTH SOCCER MONTH 2016 INCLUDES WORKING WITH LOCAL LEADERSHIP TO ORGANIZE GRASSROOTS PUBLIC AFFAIRS CAMPAIGNS, NUMEROUS LOCAL EVENTS AND MEDIA RELATIONS INITIATIVES. TO KICK OFF THE FUN, US YOUTH SOCCER HAS SET APART THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7, TO HOLD THE FIFTH ANNUAL STREET SOCCER DAY. TO PARTICIPATE, ORGANIZE A TIME AND PLACE FOR PLAYERS TO COME TOGETHER AND PLAY PICK-UP GAMES.

SOCCER BRINGS FAMILIES TOGETHER IN A FUN ENVIRONMENT AND THIS YEAR. YOUTH SOCCER MONTH HOPES TO SOCCER BRINGS FAMILIES TOGETHER IN A FUN ENVIRONMENT AND THIS YEAR, YOUTH SOCCER MONTH HOPES TO ENJOY THE SPORT IN A FUN WAY WITH STREET SCCER DAY, SAID SAM SNOW, DIRECTOR OF COACHING FOR US YOUTH SOCCER. "ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF YOUTH SOCCER MONTH AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ENJOYING OUR GAME AND FURTHERING THEIR OWN HEALTH AND ENJOYMENT."

AFTER A SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR IN 2015. US YOUTH SOCCER IS COLLABORATING ONCE AGAIN WITH THE MAKE YOUR OWN BALL DAY INITIATIVE THIS SEPTEMBER AND ENCOURAGES COLLEGES, LEAGUES, CLUBS, TEAMS AND FAMILIES TO SET TIME ASIDE ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 15 TO JOIN NATIONAL MAKE YOUR OWN BALL DAY

THE MISSION OF MAKE YOUR OWN BALL DAY IS TO USE A BALL TO HELP KIDS CREATE, CONNECT, GIVE, APPRECIATE AND PLAY. MYOBD PROMOTES AND SUPPORTS THE PASSIONS OF KIDS FOR SPORT AND USES SOCCER AS A PLATFORM FOR CHANGE.

THROUGHOUT THE MONTH, IN ADDITION TO PROMOTING THE BENEFITS OF BEING ACTIVE THROUGH YOUTH SOCCER, SEVERAL CHANCES TO WIN SOCCER-RELATED PRIZES WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE. FROM WAYS TO HELP GROW THE GAME TO THE ANNUAL BALL-A-DAY GIVEAWAY; FOLLOW THE CELEBRATION ONLINE USING #YSM2016. YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL, BACK-TO-SOCCER BACKPACK KIT, WHICH INCLUDES SEVERAL US YOUTH SOCCER ITEMS

EACH WEEK DURING YOUTH SOCCER MONTH WILL FOCUS ON A DIFFERENT MESSAGE CELEBRATING SOCCER. THE FOUR MESSAGES OF YOUTH SOCCER MONTH ARE:

WHETHER RECREATIONAL OR COMPETITIVE IN NATURE, INVOLVEMENT IN SOCCER IS EASY, AFFORDABLE AND

FAMILY: (WEEK OF SEPT. 11)

PLAYING SOCCER TIES FAMÍLIES TOGETHER AS SCHEDULES, VACATIONS AND FAMILY TIME ARE COORDINATED. FRIENDSHIP: (WEEK OF SEPT. 18)

THE RELATIONSHIPS GENERATED THROUGH PLAYING SOCCER EXTEND BEYOND THE FIELD. FITNESS: (WEEK OF SEPT. 25)

THE HEALTH AND FITNESS (PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL) BENEFITS OF PLAYING SOCCER. MAKE SURE YOU CHECK OUT THE YOUTH SOCCER MONTH CALENDAR AS SEVERAL COLLEGE EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED ACROSS THE COUNTRY, WHERE SPECTATORS WILL RECEIVE YOUTH SOCCER MONTH FREEBIES AS THEY

CHECK YOUTHSOCCERMONTH.ORG DAILY IN SEPTEMBER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN THE BALL-A-DAY GIVEAWAY AND MAKE SURE TO CHECK FACEBOOK.COM/USYOUTHSOCCER FOR OTHER DAILY GIVEAWAYS!

#### HOW CAN YOU CELEBRATE?

YOUTH SOCCER MONTH CONTESTS STREET SOCCER DAY MAKE YOUR OWN BALL DAY CHECK OUT ALL THE YOUTH SOCCER MONTH EVENTS

JOIN THE NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF YOUTH SOCCER MONTH TODAY. LEARN MORE AT WWW.YOUTHSOCCERMONTH.ORG ON HOW TO GET INVOLVED AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS

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DYSA MEMBERS

LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME NICE FALL WEATHER!!! DYSA WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL THE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOOD LUCK THIS FALL. AGAIN, THE REFEREE PROGRAM HAS REACHED EXCITING HEIGHTS AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE THE GROWTH OF THE PROGRAM THIS FALL. WE ARE HOPING THAT THE GROWTH OF THIS PROGRAM WILL LEAD INTO OUR COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM, MORE TO COME ON THAT!!!

CHAD REED DYSA PRESIDENT

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING STATEWIDE:

SEPT. 9, 2023 FALL SEASON DELMARVA RUSH BEGINS SEPT. 9, 2023 SEPT.18 2023 FALL SEASON DELAWARE FC BEGINS GIRLS INITIATIVE BEGINS OCT. 6-8, 2023 RSC 23RD ANNUAL COLUMBUS DAY TOURNAMENT

DYSA'S RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENT - KENT COUNTY PARK/REC NOV 11, 2023 JAN. 10-14, 2024 UNITED SOCCER COACHES CONVENTION, ANAHEIM, CA



OR A YOUNG ADULT OR ADULT DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM?

HAS YOUR FAMILY BEEN AFFECTED BY AUTISM?

HOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS - HOW ARE THEY ADJUSTING

AS A PARENT OR CAREGIVER OF A CHILD WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, THESE QUESTIONS CAN MAKE YOU FEEL OVERWHELMED.

THE JOURNEY AFTER THE DIAGNOSIS OF SCOURING THE INTERNET LOOKING FOR ALL TYPES OF INTERVENTIONS, TREATMENTS, THERAPIES, SENSORY SOLUTIONS, VERBAL AND NONVERBAL COMMUNICATION METHODS, SUPPLEMENTS, AND SO MUCH MORE, CAN ADD TO YOUR FEELINGS OF DISTRESS AND CONFUSION.

WE WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT YOU ARE NOT ALONE AND TO DEMONSTRATE THIS...

WE BRING YOU THE AUTISM PARENTING SUMMIT.

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- BEHAVIOR SOLUTIONS
   SPEECH & COMMUNICATION
   SOCIAL SKILLS
   SENSORY SOLUTIONS
   TRANSITIONING TO ADULTHOOD
- PICKY EATING
  EXECUTIVE FUNCTION & MOTOR SKILLS
  EDUCATION
- EDUCATION
  DEALING WITH TRANSITIONS
  MENTAL HEALTH & ANXIETY
  SELF-CARE FOR PARENTS
  ...AND MUCH MORE!

YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN YOUR PARENTING JOURNEY

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THE INVITATION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SIGN UP RIGHT AWAY. IT TAKES LESS THAN A SECOND TO CLICK THE LINK BELOW, SO HURRY ON OVER TO SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW.

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FOUNDER AUTISM PARENTING MAGAZINE TRUSTED BY SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES SINCE 2012



#### DYSA'S RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENT

DYSA IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS COMING NOVEMBER WE WILL BE HOSTING OUR FIRST RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENT AT KENT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023 RAIN DATE WILL BE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023. RAFFLES, GIVEAWAYS, FOOD, AND SO MUCH MORE! LOOK FOR MORE EXCITING INFORMATION COMING YOUR WAY SOON!





GIRLS' FROM STANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL TRAINING EXERCISES

#### DELAWARE GIRLS' INITIATIVE RETURNS FOR THE 23/24 SEASON

THE DELAWARE GIRLS' SOCCER INITIATIVE RETURNS TO STANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023. CURRENTLY 12 YOUNG LADIES ARE ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM AND WE ARE EXCITED TO LEAD THE GIRLS IN LEARNING THE BASICS OF THE "PERFECT GAME."

DYSA IS EXTREMELY EXCITED TO ALSO ANNOUNCE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL AND ASPIRA ACADEMY THIS YEAR IN AN ENDEAVOR TO EXPAND THIS PROGRAM TO THE YOUNG LADIES IN THESE SCHOOLS. THIS PROGRAM WILL ALLOW GIRLS TO LEARN ABOUT SOCCER AT THE GRASS ROOTS LEVEL. WE ALSO HOPE TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH HER POWER ACADEMY TO PROVIDE SELF-IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOPS TO THE LADIES ENROLLED.

BACK TO LEAD THE PROGRAM IS COACH IMRAN KHAN. MORE EXCITING UPDATES WILL BE FORTHCOMING LATER THIS SEASON ON THESE NEW AND EXCITING PARTNERSHIPS!



DYSA IS EXCITED TO WELCOME FIRST STATE ORTHOPAEDICS AS OUR NEWEST CORPORATE SPONSOR FOR THE DELAWARE GIRLS' SOCCER INITIATIVE. LOOK FOR EXCITING UPDATES ON THIS PROGRAM AS WELL AS INFORMATION FROM FIRST STATE ORTHO.

WELCOME ABOARD!



INJURY ON THE FIELD? VISIT CHRISTIANACARE-GOHEALTH URGENT CARE TO QUICKLY DIAGNOSE AND TREAT COMMON SPORTS INJURIES, ALL SEASON LONG.

THANKS TO ON-SITE X-RAYS AND THEIR AWESOME ROSTER OF PROVIDERS, CHRISTIANACARE-GOHEALTH URGENT CARE CAN HELP QUICKLY IDENTIFY MUSCLE STRAINS, FRACTURES, SPRAINED LIGAMENTS AND MORE. IF IT'S A SERIOUS INJURY THAT NEEDS EXTRA ATTENTION AND CARE, THEY'LL EVEN GIVE YOU A FAST REFERRAL TO THE ALL-STAR PROVIDERS IN THE TRUSTED CHRISTIANACARE NETWORK.

CLICK TO LEARN MORE.



#### JOIN US AT THE 2024 UNITED SOCCER COACHES CONVENTION

SOCCER COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS OF ALL LEVELS ARE INVITED TO UNITE WITH THEIR SOCCER COACHING COMMUNITY FOR A TRULY UNFORGETTABLE FIVE-DAY CONVENTION EXPERIENCE IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA.

FROM LECTURE AND FIELD COACHING DEMONSTRATIONS TO THE LATEST GEAR AND TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE IN THE EXHIBIT HALL, THE UNITED SOCCER COACHES CONVENTION IS A MUST-ATTEND FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL LOOKING TO UPDATE THEIR COACHING RESUME

THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION WILL BE HELD JANUARY 10-14, 2024. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

ACCESS TO REGISTER FOR THE UNITED SOCCER COACHES CONVENTION IS JUST ONE OF THE MANY BENEFITS OF UNITED SOCCER COACHES MEMBERSHIP. CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION, AND HOW TO JOIN.



## BY: TYLER BASTIANELLI, DYSA DIRECTOR OF ODP & TALENT IDENTIFICATION DELAWARE ODP PROGRAM AND TALENT IDENTIFICATION REPORT

#### AUGUST 2023 UPDATE:

DE ODP TRYOUTS, 2023-2024, AUGUST 13, 2023 LOCATION: KIRKWOOD SPORTS

WE HAD AN EXCELLENT TRYOUT ON SUNDAY, 8/13/23 AT KIRKWOOD SPORTS WITH A 30% INCREASE IN PLAYERS ATTENDING TRYOUTS VS 2022, REPRESENTING 9 CLUBS WITHIN OUR STATE AND APPROXIMATELY 7 OUT OF STATE CLUBS.

#### THE CONTINUED PROGRESS OF THE PROGRAM IS THE RESULT OF:

- A GREAT COACHING STAFF PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT PRODUCT ON THE FIELD WORKING WITH THEPLAYERS
- FANTASTIC ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT LED BY LAURA STURDIVANT AND ASSISTED BY TERRY REED
- CONSISTENT ODP SCHEDULE YEAR ON YEAR, SUPPLEMENTING CLUB SCHEDULES AND MINIMIZINGCONFLICTS, LIMITED EVENTS IS POSITIVE
- AFFORDABLE (WITH THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR SPONSOR, DELAWARE ORTHOPEDIC SPECIALISTS)
- IMPROVED COMMUNICATION
- PLAYER SUPPORT AND PLAYER SUCCESS STORIES

#### EAST REGION TEAM SELECTIONS, ANNOUNCED AUGUST 14, 2023

HEADED TO THE INTERREGIONAL EVENT IN FLORIDA TO COMPETE AGAINST THE OTHER REGION'S TEAMS!

**2011 GIRLS** 

TAYLOR ABE, TRI-STATE SOCCER CLUB

**2010 GIRLS** 

PATRICIA LARA NIETO, MATRIX SC

**2007 GIRLS** 

RYAN WEIGAND, SPORTING DELAWARE

**2011 BOYS** 

LUCAS SARTIN, SPORTING DELAWARE

YONATHAN JASINSKI-ELBAZ, ELEVATE SOCCER CLUB

TYLER BASTIANELLI

DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

DIRECTOR OF TALENT IDENTIFICATION & ODP

**2010 BOYS** 

TOM SWASEY, SPORTING DELAWARE

JONAH DEVITO, RIVER SOCCER CLUB

CARLOS GUTIERREZ, RIVER SOCCER CLUB

RYAN LOTTER, CECIL SOCCER CLUB

**2009 BOYS** 

SETH BENJAMIN, SPORTING DELAWARE

GRANT ZIERVOGEL, RIVER SOCCER CLUB

**2008 BOYS** 

GANNON EASTLACK, SHORE FC

DANIEL MATTHEWS, HOCKESSIN SOCCER CLUB

#### DELAWARE ODP SPONSORSHIP

SECURED CONTINUED RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR PRIMARY SPONSOR, DELAWARE ORTHOPEDIC SPECIALISTS, FOR THE 2023-2024 SEASON.

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WITH THE SEASON GETTING UNDERWAY, REMEMBER THAT DICK'S SPORTING GOODS IS THERE FOR YOU AND YOUR PLAYERS WITH MONEY SAVINGS DISCOUNTS ALL YEAR LONG! BELOW IS YOUR LINK TO MONEY SAVINGS COUPONS! REMEMBER EVERY SEASON STARTS AT DICK'S!

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RENEWED TRAINING FACILITY PARTNERSHIP: MOT TIGERS, SPECIAL OLYMPICS DELAWARE, AND DELAWARE UNION SOCCER CLUB JOIN FORCES TO PROMOTE INCLUSIVITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

IN A BELIARCHEE RIPHLY OF REDICTION TO INCLUSIVITY AND COMMUNITY ROGGENERY, NOT TREES, SPICLE OFFICIAL STRUCTS DELIVING AND DELAWARE FOUND SOCKEE LOUE ART THEILDED TO ANNOUNCE THE ENDIVING OF THEIR TRAINING TRAITY PARTNESSES. THE FOUND AND THE TRAINING TO ANNOUNCE THE TRAINING THE TRAINING

MOT TIGRES HAS LONG BEIN A BEACON OF INSPIRATION, EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES TO UNLOCK THEIR POPENTHAL AND HINEY IN THE WOOLH OF SYOTS. WITH A SOSTER DAN'TIM MORE THAN 200 DEDICATED ATHLETES AND YOUNG ATHLETES, 60-PLUS UNHIELD PATHERS, AND A TEAM OF MORE THAN 100 EXPERIENCED COACHES AND YOUNTEER TEAM ASSISTANTS, MOT TIGES HAS SHOWCASED THE POWER OF COLLABORATION AND THE IMPACT IT CAN HAVE ON LIVES.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS DELAWARE, AN ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO ENRICHING THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES THROUGH SPORTS, HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS PARTNERSHIP, THROUGH THEIR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT, MOT TIGERS HAS BEEN ABLE TO EXEMAND ITS REACH AND OFFER LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES TO EVEN MOVER ATHLETES.

DELAWAGE UNION GOCCES CLUB, A PILLE OF THE LOCA SOCCES COMMINITY, IS EXCITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BRUNKABLE PARTWESTER BROOMWAGE AGENT TAND CONTRIBUTE TO THE BRUNKABLE PARTWESTER BROOMWAGE AGENT TAND CONTRIBUTE THAN CONTRIBUTED AGENT AGENT

"WE ARE ASSOLUTELY THRILLED TO BE RESERVING OUR PARTNESSHIP WITH DELAWARE UNION SOCCES CLUE," SAID MARY WARD HUTCHINSON, THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE MOTHINGER SPORGAM. "OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO CREATING AN INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE SPACE FOR ATHLETES WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES CONTINUES TO BE OUR DRIVING FORCE. WE WELCOME ANYONE WHIS INTERESTED IN MAKING A POSTITVE IMPACT ON THESE ATHLETES LIVES TO JOIN US AND BE REATO OF THIS INCREDE JOUNNEY."

JEFF MARTINO, PESSIDENT OF DELAWARE UNION SOCCER CLUB, EXPRESSED HIS ENTHUSIASM FOR THE RENEWED PARTNERSHIP. "AT DELAWARE, WAS BEFOULD TO CONTRIBUTE TO A COMMUNITY WHERE VERY HOUTHOUT IS CHEBARTED FOR THERE NINGUE ABILITIES. THIS PARTNERSHIP PEXEMPLIFIES THE TRUE SPIRIT OF TEAMWORK, AND WE ARE EXCITED TO WITNESS THE POSITIVE IMPACT IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE ON THE LUSS OF THESE ATHLETS."

THE MOT TIGERS ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING ENTHUSIASTIC ATHLETES AND COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE PROGRAM AND BECOME PART OF THIS UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET INVOLVED, PLEASE REACH OUT TO MARY WARD

AS THESE THREE ENTITIES COME TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN. THE MOT TIGERS. SPECIAL OLYMPICS DELAWARE. AND DELAWARE UNION SOCCER



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM PREPARES FOR THE CONCACAF W GOLD CUP IN DELAWARE

WHY THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S CONNECTION TO THE FIRST STATE ISN'T ALL THAT RANDOM.

BY: EUGENE RUPINSKI

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM HAS BEGUN THEIR JOURNEY IN THE 2024 CONCACAF W GOLD CUP QUALIFICATIONS. THEY'RE IN LEAGUE B, GROUP C WITH BERMUDA, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. WINNING THE GROUP MEANS THEY'LL BE IN THE PLAYOFF SYSTEM WITH A CHANCE TO GO ON TO THE CONCACAF W GOLD CUP NEXT YEAR. TO GET THINGS STARTED, THEY HELD THEIR FIRST CAMP IN MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

#### WAIT, WHAT? WHERE?

NESTLED IN A TRACT OF TOWNHOUSES BARELY OLD ENOUGH TO DRINK IS MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE FIELDS, HOME OF DELAWARE UNION SOCCER CLUB. WHEN I GOT THERE IT WAS QUIET, SAVE FOR THE PLAYERS AND THE TRAINING STAFF GOING THROUGH THEIR PACES. AS PEOPLE STARTED TO ARRIVE I SPOKE WITH JEFF MARTINO, PRESIDENT OF DELAWARE UNION SOCCER CLUB, WHO WALKED ME THROUGH HOW THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM CAME TO MIDDLETOWN. HE RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM JOHN MARTE, A DELAWARE RESIDENT AND COORDINATOR FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SOCCER FEDERATION, ASKING IF THERE WERE ANY AVAILABLE FIELDS. THE TEAM WANTED TO TRAIN ON GRASS, SINCE THEIR MATCHES ON THE ROAD AGAINST BERMUDA AND AT HOME AGAINST BARBADOS WOULD BOTH BE ON THAT SURFACE. "I SAW IT AS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE A SERVICE," SAYS MARTINO "AND MAYBE GET SOME EXPOSURE FOR DELAWARE AND THE CLUB, AND MAYBE INSPIRE SOME OF OUR ATHLETES (AND TO SHOW THEM) THE NEXT LEVEL, WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE."

FROM THERE, THE TEAM BOOKED A HOTEL IN THE AREA AND STARTED MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PLAYERS - AT LEAST THE ONES THAT COULD MAKE IT. A LOT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S PLAYERS ARE IN COLLEGES IN THE US, SOME OF WHOM WERE RELUCTANT TO LET PLAYERS GO DURING THEIR SEASON.



THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE FIELDS.
PHOTO BY EUGENE RUPIŃSKI

NOT LONG BEFORE THE END OF THE PRACTICE, ROBERT MARTÍNEZ CAME UP TO THE EDGE OF THE FIELD CARRYING HIS DOG LILY AND A DOMINICAN FLAG. HE HUNG THE FLAG ON A FENCE, AND AFTER GIVING THE DOG SOME PETS I ASKED MARTÍNEZ ABOUT COMING TO THE PRACTICE. EARLIER IN THE DAY HE'D BEEN OUT GETTING LILY GROOMED AND HE SAW A GROUP OF PEOPLE ALL WEARING THE SAME SHIRT. "AND THEN I NOTICED IT SAID ON THE BACK OF (THE SHIRT) REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA," MARTÍNEZ SAYS. SO HE PULLED UP NEXT TO THEM AND SAID "HEY GUYS! WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING? ARE YOU HERE FROM A TEAM OR SOMETHING?" THEY TOLD HIM THEY WERE WITH THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM AND THAT THEY'D BE PRACTICING AT THE FIELDS LATER, SO HE (AND LILY) CAME ON DOWN.

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## DYSA IS PLEASED TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THESE SPONSORS FOR THE 23/24 SOCCER SEASON:

























#### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPONSOR OR PARTNERING WITH DYSA?

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER (DYSA) IS A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT CORPORATION SO SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS ARE 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE. YOUR SUPPORT HELPS CHILDREN BECOME SUCCESSFUL IN DEVELOPING THEIR SOCCER SKILLS BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, HELPING THEM LEARN TEAMWORK, HARD WORK, AND SPORTSMANSHIP.

ALSO, IT ALLOWS US TO IMPROVE OUR SOCCER PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES, PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WORTHY PLAYERS AND OFFSET THE COST OF PARTICIPATION. SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF SPONSORSHIP FOR BUSINESSES ARE EXPOSURE TO A BROAD CUSTOMER BASE, COMPANY AND PRODUCT EXPOSURE; AND, SHOWING COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

AS A SPONSOR YOUR LOGO WILL BE INCLUDED ON OUR WEBSITE. DYSA HAS MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU OR YOUR COMPANY TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT OF OUR YOUTH PLAYERS FROM SCHOLARSHIPS, TO BUSINESS LISTINGS, OR INTERESTED IN CREATING YOUR OWN GIVING LEVEL, DYSA IS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU CHOOSE THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU! FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO BECOME A SPONSOR OR PARTNER WITH DYSA, PLEASE CONTACT TREED@DYSA.ORG