

Kenmore Soccer News

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Transitioning Into the Outdoor Season



Its good-bye to MilSher until November, and welcome back to Kenney Field. Outdoor training schedules are now linked on the Travel Team/Academy Schedules page of our web site, and game schedules will be added as they are released by each league.

We are excited to get underway, and here are some reminders and information for the outdoor season:

- Although we have usage of Town and KenTon School District facilities, and pay for that usage, we are guests and are responsible to keep them clean, and adhere to our designated hours. Please ensure that we clean up after every event, even if it means cleaning up after an opponent leaves a mess.
- We will once again operate the concession stand at Kenney Field and can always use a few volunteers, **ESPECIALLY ON FIREWORKS NIGHT!** If you have a few free nights, or want a front row seat for fireworks, please let Ken Voght know.
- Kenney Field will host 3 camps this summer, including our Celtic FC Camp, a Kenmore Soccer Camp for ages 9-14, and Bobby DiNunzio's "Just for Kicks" camp. We also have staff working at two other off-site camps. There is a Summer Camp Appendix at the end of this newsletter with information on all of these camps.
- Remember there is a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding abuse of officials or players. Ejections and fines can be issued, so please just bring a lawn chair and enjoy watching the game, just as you do for the 4th of July Fireworks.
- Registration for the 2024-2025 season will open around June 1st. We are moving to a new web platform with Playmetrics, and there is a lot of work being done in the background to populate the new platform and get it ready to go, so the date may be a little delayed. One thing to keep in mind is that everyone will need to create a new login and password when the new site goes live.

There will be lots of new activities for 2024-2025, and we will share information on that in our upcoming newsletters. One early tidbit.....MilSher plans to pave their driveways this summer, and also hang opaque netting at the ends of the field. There are also plans to expand and renovate the bathrooms, but all of this is dependent on the building owner. Let's all keep our fingers crossed.

Register Now

or Save the Week

2024 Celtic FC Summer Camp

July 15-19 — Kenney Field



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Registration is now open via the Kenmore Soccer web site. Register early, as we must limit the number of participants.

If you delay, please save the date and hope there is still room later for the best soccer camp in the western New York area.

New Sponsors for This Spring

- We are pleased to have Univera Healthcare and Isaac Heating and Air Conditioning as sponsors for this spring. Their support helps us control costs.
- When you receive an e-mail or survey relating to these entities, please take a few minutes to read it and complete any associated survey. Your support helps us to maintain sponsorship ties and mitigate costs.

What Makes a Great Teammate?

by Mike Klintzing

Good teammates can turn a good sports experience into a great sports experience. Every player has the ability to provide the support necessary to be a great teammate. Great Teammates:

1. Give relentless effort: You cannot control many things that will happen during your season, but you can control how hard you play. The only way to get better is to give your maximum effort. This not only makes you better, but pushes your teammates to get better as well.
2. Are unselfish: Put the team first. Your job is to do what it takes to help the team be successful. This isn't always easy, but great teammates find a way to put the success of the team above their own success.
3. Are honest: All great teams and relationships are built on honesty. Your coach and teammates need to know that they can trust you during the ups and downs of a season.
4. Are humble: You may be the star of your team or you may be a role player, either way, remember that the team comes first. Put your individual accomplishments aside and give praise to your teammates. Teams succeed when no one cares who gets the credit.
5. Hold themselves and their teammates accountable: You should have high standards for yourself and your teammates. If a teammate is not fulfilling their duty to the team, engage them in a supportive conversation to help get them back on track. You might need to help them buy into a particular strategy, help them accept their role on the team, or simply hear them out. Be the player that reaches out to your teammates to help the team as a whole.
6. Strive to improve: You can always be a better player tomorrow than you are today. Work to improve your game and you will lift your teammates. Stay and work after practice and see how many teammates start to join you.
7. Are optimistic: Don't be a player constantly complaining to others about what's wrong. Look for the positives in your teammates and coaches.
8. Behave respectfully towards others: Treat everyone involved in your sport experience with dignity. Behave as you would toward anyone, as the best version of yourself, to be true to yourself. By modeling behaving respectfully, no matter the challenges you face, you're showing teammates that they can too.
9. Are leaders: You don't have to be the best player on your team to be a leader. You don't even need to be a vocal leader. Every player can lead by their actions. Is what you do on a daily basis making your team better? Challenge your teammates during drills. You'll improve and so will they. Bring energy to every practice. Don't talk bad about teammates or coaches outside the team environment. These are all ways you can lead your teammates towards success.
10. Are resilient: Help your team use temporary setbacks or losses as an opportunity to grow and improve. Don't make excuses, look for solutions. Your ability to bounce back and learn from mistakes will be infectious and help make your entire team more resilient. In any situation, one player's positive outlook can make a difference. Try to be that player.
11. Help foster a family atmosphere: Support your teammates like family. Your season is going to have highs and lows, so are your teammates. Teams that build close relationships are usually the teams having the most fun and having the most success.
12. Take responsibility: All of your actions, within and away from the team, are a representation of your team, your school or organization, and your family. Take responsibility for your behavior and actions at all times. Conduct yourself in such a way that your parents, coaches, and teachers would be proud of you. You never know who is looking at you for cues on how to behave.

Quotes to Remember

"I hated every minute of training, but I said, 'Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion.'"

.....Muhammed Ali, former heavyweight champion

College Showcase Recruiting Tips from SoccerWire

College showcase tournaments are a critical component of the recruiting process for 1,000s of youth soccer players each year. Showcases events are one of the primary avenues that college coaches utilize to discover and evaluate prospective recruits. Continue reading for some key advice to youth players on how to maximize each college showcase weekend. The tips below were compiled from detailed conversations with college coaches from all over the country.

1) CONSISTENCY

One of the most important things college coaches look for during a showcase is for a recruit to be consistent the entire weekend. The importance of starting the weekend strong in Game 1 is vital to try and get that same staff on your college list to watch part of your second game as well, but just as important for a recruit is to play even **BETTER** in Game 2 if you hope to land on that program's recruiting board after the event. Similarly, if a player starts out very strong in Game 1, and the staff returns to see your second game and you do **NOT** play well in that game, that could severely effect your overall chances of **ANY** future interest from that college staff.

2) GAME DAY PATTERNS/IMPORTANCE

- **FRIDAY:** Coaches watch games **ALL DAY** and based on the performances of the recruits they see on Friday, will decide if they will see the recruit again on Saturday. (some staffs will also swap coaches on Friday/Saturday games so both get to see the recruit). This is where the **CONSISTENCY** becomes important.
- **SATURDAY:** Saturdays are typically the busiest and longest day for college coaches since they are combining seeing **SOME** recruits again, while also trying to see recruits on their list that they might have missed on Friday. Saturdays are typically the day a recruit has the chance to make the biggest impact to a coaching staff.
- **SUNDAY:** In normal years, this is the day with the least amount of coaches attending games, and if you are unfortunate enough to have a game later than noon or so, almost every coach is either at the airport already or started driving home. (except local college staffs). This does not mean you should not take these games seriously and not be 100% focused. Every single moment you are in front of a college coach is **VITAL** to your recruiting process and you must play better than the last time they saw you play. However, attendance on Sundays (or Day 3 of a showcase) is typically much lower than the first two days of the event.

3) HOW TO MAKE THE BIGGEST IMPRESSION ON THE FIELD

In the end, **PLAYING TIME DOES NOT MATTER** to college coaches if you make the most of the time you **DO** get! College coaches understand the 'politics' involved in club soccer and will typically never dismiss a player just because they do not start, or didn't play the majority of the game. With that said, there are 3 consistent ways to make the biggest impression to college coaches –

- **SPEED:** Both in open spaces and foot speed in tight areas
- **COMFORT ON THE BALL** (90% pass completion is a huge part of this)
- **WORK RATE** (If you do **NOT** walk off the field exhausted every time you play, college coaches will notice this).

(*For Goalkeepers* – College coaches will typically try to show up for your **PRE-GAME OR HALFTIME WARM UP** – so **BE FOCUSED**. Multiple keepers earn offers during warm ups + a great ID camp alone.)

Eagles Capture Winter B MilSher Mite League

Congratulations to the Eagles for capturing the Winter B MilSher Indoor Mite League, with a 5-3 win over the Cardinals. The Eagles raced off to a 3-1 lead, before the Cardinals scored to make it 4-3. A late goal by the Eagles clinched the victory.



Trivia Question

(answer on page 8)

Who was the oldest player ever to appear in an English Premier League game?

Buffalo/WNY Junior Soccer League Game Dates for 2024

6-May	7-May	8-May	9-May	10-May
G12 (1)	B11 (1)	8U (1)	B12 (1)	B10 (1)
		G11 (1)		G10 (1)
13-May	14-May	15-May	16-May	17-May
G12 (2)	B11 (2)	8U (2)	B12 (2)	B10 (2)
B13 (1)	G13(1)	G11 (2)	G14 (1)	G10 (2)
		B14 (1)		
20-May	21-May	22-May	23-May	24-May
G12 (3)	B11 (3)	8U (3)	B12 (3)	B10 (3)
B13 (2)	G13 (2)	G11 (3)	G14 (2)	G10 (3)
G16 (1)	B16 (1)	B14 (2)	B15 (1)	
B19 (1)	G19 (1)	G15 (1)	G17 (1)	
		B17 (1)		
27-May	28-May	29-May	30-May	31-May
OFF	B11 (4)	8U (4)	B12 (4)	B10 (4)
	G13 (3)	G11 (4)	G14 (3)	G10 (4)
	B16 (2)	B14 (3)	B15 (2)	
	G19 (2)	G15 (2)	G17 (2)	
		B17 (2)		
3-Jun	4-Jun	5-Jun	6-Jun	7-Jun
G12 (4)	B11 (5)	8U (5)	B12 (5)	B10 (5)
B13 (3)	G13 (4)	G11 (5)	G14 (4)	G10 (5)
G16 (2)	B16 (3)	B14 (4)	B15 (3)	
B19 (2)	G19 (3)	G15 (3)	G17 (3)	
		B17 (3)		
10-Jun	11-Jun	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun
G12 (5)	B11 (6)	8U (6)	B12 (6)	B10 (6)
B13 (4)	G13 (5)	G11 (6)	G14 (5)	G10 (6)
G16 (3)	B16 (4)	B14 (5)	B15 (4)	
B19 (3)	G19 (4)	G15 (4)	G17 (4)	
		B17 (4)		
17-Jun	18-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	21-Jun
G12 (6)	B11 (7)	OFF	B12 (7)	B10 (7)
B13 (5)	G13 (6)		G14 (6)	G10 (7)
G16 (4)	B16 (5)		B15 (5)	
B19 (4)	G19 (5)		G17 (5)	
24-Jun	25-Jun	26-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun
G12 (7)	B11 (8)	8U (7)	B12 (8)	B10 (8)
B13 (6)	G13 (7)	G11 (7)	G14 (7)	G10 (8)
G16 (5)	B16 (6)	B14 (6)	B15 (6)	
B19 (5)	G19 (6)	G15 (5)	G17 (6)	
		B17 (5)		
1-Jul	2-Jul	3-Jul	4-Jul	5-Jul
G12 (8)	B11 (9)	8U (8)	OFF	OFF
B13 (7)	G13 (8)	G11 (8)		
G16 (6)	B16 (7)	B14 (7)		
B19 (6)	G19 (7)	G15 (6)		
		B17 (6)		
8-Jul	9-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul
G12 (9)	B11 (10)	8U (9)	B12 (9)	B10 (9)
B13 (8)	G13 (9)	G11 (9)	G14 (8)	G10 (9)
G16 (7)	B16 (8)	B14 (8)	B15 (7)	
B19 (7)	G19 (8)	G15 (7)	G17 (7)	
		B17 (7)		
15-Jul	16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul
G12 (10)	G13 (10)	8U (10)	B12 (10)	B10 (10)
B13 (9)	B16 (9)	G11 (10)	G14 (9)	G10 (10)
G16 (8)	G19 (9)	B14 (9)	B15 (8)	
B19 (8)		G15 (8)	G17 (8)	
		B17 (8)		
22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul
B13 (10)	B16 (10)	B14 (10)	G14 (10)	
G16 (9)	G19 (10)	G15 (9)	B15 (9)	
B19 (9)		B17 (9)	G17 (9)	
29-Jul	30-Jul	31-Jul	1-Aug	2-Aug
G16 (10)		G15 (10)	B15 (10)	
B19 (10)		B17 (10)	B17 (10)	

Kenmore Soccer is in the Social Media World

Kenmore Soccer has joined the social media experience by creating sites within Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. Links to all of the platforms are on the left hand side of our web site landing page.

Teams (or parents for that matter), can post information on these sites by following these instructions:

Instagram:

If someone posts a picture to their account and wants to tag Kenmore Soccer or include us in a comment, tag our account by using @kenmoresoccerclub

Twitter:

Anyone can tweet to the Kenmore Soccer page or include us in a post by tagging us using @KenmoreSoccer

Facebook:

Anyone can post to the wall on the Kenmore page, write a comment on posts, or post a picture/video to the page.

If someone wants to tag Kenmore Soccer Club in a post or picture, they need to type @kenmoresoccerclub

All other photos/videos can be sent to kenmoresoccerclub@gmail.com.

We have a number of followers on these sites, and you might notice that it includes Celtic FC who has posted information. Most importantly, we have uploaded video of several individual training sessions.

Submissions Anyone ??????????????

We want this to be your newsletter. We also want you to be a part of the Club web site. So, we are looking for your ongoing input—articles, pictures, match highlights, team and player recognition, etc. Each team should consider having a designee that can channel information to the Club for inclusion in the newsletter or web site.

Send your submissions to us at kenmoresoccerinc@gmail.com. Pictures are welcome, but should be in a jpg or gif format.

Contacting us

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Answer to Trivia Question

(from page 5)

At a staggering 43 years old, goalkeeper John Burridge is the oldest player to ever play in the Premier League. He was between the posts for Manchester City in their 3-2 loss to Queens Park Rangers, back in May 1995.

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Fund Raising

The Kenmore Soccer Club is registered to conduct fund-raising, as is required by law, but each activity needs to be approved by our Board of Directors.

If your team wants to conduct any fund-raising, just e-mail us at doc@kenmoresoccer.com with the details of what you propose, and the eventual use of the funds raised. We will get back to you promptly.

Summer Camp Appendix

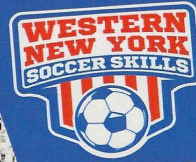
The following pages have information on various Summer Soccer Camps that are either operated by Kenmore Soccer, or which we endorse. They are shown in chronological order.



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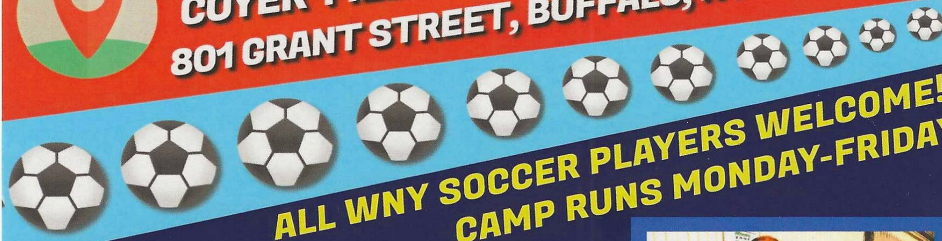
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SOCCER SKILLS PRESENTS**

SUMMER CAMP



**SUMMER
2024**

**BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY
COYER FIELD TURF (INDOOR IF IT RAINS)
801 GRANT STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14222**



**ALL WNY SOCCER PLAYERS WELCOME!
CAMP RUNS MONDAY-FRIDAY**



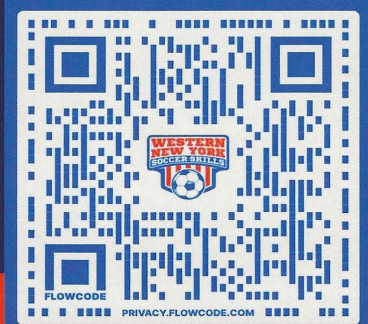
JUNE 24-28



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Camp Schedule

Daily Monday - Friday

9:00-9:30 **Warm-up/Warm-up Game**
9:30-10:00 **Foot Skills and Soccer Moves**

Soccer Training Sessions - (AM)

Monday - 10-11:30 **Passing and Trapping** -techniques, drills, and games
Tuesday - 10-11:30 **Dribbling** - techniques, drills, and games
Wednesday - 10-11:30 **Shooting** - techniques, drills, and games
Thursday - 10-11:30 **Juggling** (for ball control and fun) and **Heading** - techniques, drills, and games
Friday - 10-11:30 **Soccer Skills Evaluation Time** (review of the week)
11:30 - 12:00 **Scrimmages** (daily)

Daily Monday - Friday

12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch** (half day release)
1:00 - 2:00 **Sport Specific Training** (see below)
2:00 - 3:00 **Foot Skills, Soccer Moves, and Small Sided Games**

Sport Specific Training Sessions - (PM)

Monday - **Speed Training** - Technique and Drills
Tuesday - **Agility Training** - Drills and Sports Specific Routine
Wednesday - **Body Weight Exercises** - Upper, Lower, and Core
Thursday - **Injury Prevention/Balance** - Deceleration/Proprioception Training
Friday - **Nutrition/Review/Choice** - Information/Discussion/Q&A and Short Choice Workout



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Bobby DiNunzio 876-3593
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**“JUST FOR KICKS”
SOCCER CAMP
Summer 2024**

Camp Director
Bobby DiNunzio

Where: Kenney Field
Colvin and Brighton
Tonawanda, New York 14150

When: Monday-Friday
July 8th - July 12th 2024

Time: Full Day: 9am-3pm
Half Day: 9am-12pm

Cost: Full Day \$150/Half Day \$125
(Both include: ball, t-shirt & lunch)

**Camp Director
Bobby DiNunzio**

His many years of professional playing experience, culminating with the Buffalo Blizzard, and his collegiate, high school and youth level coaching experience, afford him the insight necessary to bring out the best in each player while developing each one's skills at his or her own pace. This will be done in an enjoyable environment that stresses teamwork and sportsmanship in all aspects of the game.

Career Highlights

- *Former Professional Soccer Player
-Buffalo Blizzard 1993-2000 NPSL
-Canton Invaders 1987-1993 NPSL
-Toledo Pride 1986-1987 AISA
- *Played in over 500 games, accumulating over 500 points and 500 blocks
- *Three-time champion with the Canton Invaders
- *Four-time NPSL All-Star selection
- *Inducted into Buffalo State's Athletics Hall of Fame in 1994
- *Inducted into Kenmore East's Athletics Hall of Fame in 1994
- *Boys Varsity Head Coach at Amherst High School - currently
- *Kenmore Soccer Club Coach - currently

Each Camper Will Receive

- *Professional Instruction
- *Camp T-shirt
- *Camp Soccer Ball
- *Handwritten Progress Report
- *Lunch (provided by Gino's Pizza Place)
- *Pizza Party on Friday

Each Camper Must Bring

- *Shin guards (must be worn in order to play)
- *Water Bottle and Sunscreen

About The Camp

* This camp is designed for soccer players between the ages of 4-14. The camp will provide quality coaching and instruction at all age levels. The camp will offer a fun atmosphere in which to learn the basics of the game as well as the more advanced techniques for the more experienced player. Players will learn the basic techniques of the game through a variety of fun yet challenging drills and activities that will help build the confidence of each player.

* Each morning a different technique will be introduced and practiced throughout the day. Passing, trapping, dribbling, shooting, juggling and heading will all be covered in depth, as well as the first and secondary roles of forwards, midfielders and defenders in game situations. On Friday, an evaluation progress report will be done by the coaches for each player.

* After lunch, the afternoons will consist of sport specific training sessions. These sessions will help young athletes increase performance, prevent injury and help to become educated in the area of functional training by experience. The sessions will include; strength, speed, agility, core performance and plyometric training. All of these elements are needed to perform at a higher level. Also included are injury prevention and nutritional sessions. Each athlete will leave with a sample routine of what they experienced throughout the week, along with a nutritional plan to help them eat properly. The day will conclude with small-sided games, used to reach the technical and tactical training that has been learned.

Coaches and Staff

Former professional, college and high school coaches and players.

Camp Registration/Application
Mail To: "Just For Kicks" - 113 Rockdale Drive - Buffalo, New York 14228
Make Checks Payable To: Bobby DiNunzio (Non-Refundable)/876-3593

Name (First) _____ (Last) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____
Parent/Guardian (First) _____ (Last) _____ Emergency (Phone) _____ Emergency (Name) _____
Address _____ Birthday _____ Sex (Male) _____ (female) _____
Phone (Home) _____
Age _____
Email Address _____
Any physical or medical ailments (explain) _____

*** CIRCLE ONE ALL DAY CAMP (9am-3pm--\$150) HALF DAY (9am-12pm---125) ***

T-shirt size (circle one) YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL
I give my child permission to participate in the camp, and release "Just For Kicks" Soccer Camp, its coaches, employees, sponsors and Kenney Field from any liability that may occur while my child is at camp.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Kenmore World Cup Camp

for

Ages 9-14

Week of 7/22-7/26 at Kenney Field

Our World Cup Camp will operate the week of 7/22-7/26 at Kenney Field from 9:00am-3:00pm, and is for ages 9-14. Registration can be done through www.kenmoresoccer.com. If you already have an account, simply login and select the camp program. If you do not have an account, just follow the instructions under the "Register with Kenmore Soccer" link.

Led by Nick DeMarsh, the Technical Director for Kenmore Soccer, the camp will focus on technical training in morning sessions, with daily small-sided tournaments and competitions in the afternoons including Power Shooting, Placement Shooting, Breakaways, and Penalty Kicks.

The cost is \$160 for the week paid in advance, or \$35/day if paid on site (and you can attend the days of your choice).



Here is another Summer Soccer Camp opportunity - an overnight camp with staff counselors including 3 Kenmore Soccer players - Jacob, Adam, and Evan Korte



First-time camper discount!
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