



Midland Soccer Club's

# FOOTNOTES

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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Since the announcement of Rec teams and some pretty incredible April weather, I have had a blast watching the Select and Rec youth teams practicing out here on the complex. With Rec teams practicing one night a week at the MSC Complex, every day has started to feel like a Saturday. Players start arriving to practice at 4pm and many aren't leaving until the shadows chase them away. Last weekend opened the Select season and this Saturday will open the Rec season.

Did you know that come May, we will have another league playing out here? The Adult League. The Adult League was a new addition this past Spring and is continuing to grow every season. We have a league for women 18+, we have two leagues for men 18+ and 30+, and we have my favorite league, the Coed league.

I played soccer up until Middle School when my passion for water sports, swimming and water polo, pulled me off the field and into the pool. Now, I am trading in my goggle marks for shin guards and cleats. I love to run, and the workout I get running up and down the field in Coed is great.

So, if you are a retired player looking to get back into the game or are just looking for a great workout, consider joining one of our adult leagues. You will have fun, build your knowledge of the game and work off some of that winter weight! I'll see you out there!



## COACHES CORNER:

### Soccer: A Game for Life

As I get older, I tend to feel the effects of playing soccer a little more the next day. It takes a little longer to get out of bed and my knees are a bit more sore, but soccer is a game I'll enjoy for life. While I will eventually have to concede to the soccer gods and give up playing, I will always enjoy watching the game.

*"How's that son of yours doing playing right field in tee-ball? What? He just stands there eating dandelions?"* At the younger level, I can't think of another organized sport where the players get to run around with reckless abandonment, chase a ball and eat oranges at half-time. There's no accountability for your skills, everyone can pretty much run at the same speed and every child

between the ages of 4-7 has the balance and agility of a new born calf. It's an even playing field.

Gradually, the field organization and skill development will come into play. As players age and grow stronger, the filter will divide those players that work on their technical skills from those that are just big and athletic. All of these players will have different journeys in the game and the paths players take will surprise you.

It's a game that you can play until your body says enough, seriously! Come out and watch the Men's 30+ league or the adult co-ed league. It is absolutely painful to watch some of these players run, but they don't care. They will sacrifice the well being of their ankles and knees in order to keep playing a game they love.

It's this love for the game that makes events like the World Cup so exciting and worth the wait. Every four years the world gathers for the biggest spectacle of global soccer. It's a month long celebration and it puts the Olympics to shame. As someone that loves the game, I am so excited for June 12th and the start of the World Cup. Don't tell the Club Director but I think I'm going to be "sick" for the month of June.

As this spring season starts, whether you're a player or a parent gearing up to watch your kids play, remember soccer can and should be embraced for life. It doesn't come easy to everyone, and like anything getting better takes time and patience. Just let them enjoy the game and, while they're at it, you should too!

# OPENING WEEKEND FOR MIDLAND FUSION SELECT SOCCER

Midland Fusion Select Soccer opened this past weekend with a bevy of games and tournaments.

This weekend, U11 boys team, **Midland Fusion 1999 Green**, coached by David Schwartz, went down to Cleveland, Ohio to play in the CASA tournament. Overall, Fusion '99 Green scored 16 goals and only allowed 7 pushing them to the semi-finals against CSA. Fusion '99 Green played strong the entire match until they allowed the winning goal in with just two minutes to go. CSA would go on to win the tournament.

During the tournament, the following Fusion '99 Green players scored: Paxton Brown scored a hat trick in the first game and had the game winning assist in the second game. Greg Corrian had 1 goal. Casey La Rue had 5 goals. Chad Martin had 1 goal. Justin Tobin had 2 goals. Ries van der Grijn had 1 goal. Luke Waskevich had 2 goals. Austen Zhu had 1 goal. Tournament MVP was Joshua Storer who played outstanding in goal.

Other scores from Midland Fusion teams this weekend include:

## U10 Boys

**Fusion 2000 White**, coached by Elizabeth "Tiz" Fockler and Rachel Goebig, had a great start to the season with a scrimmage versus Fusion 2001 Silver. Fusion '00 White played aggressively and won 5 - 1. They had their first official game of the season against Bay City 702. They lost 1-3 in an aggressively played game.

## U10 Girls

**Fusion 2000 Black**, coached by Jeff Brown, played a set of games against Bay City. On Saturday, they lost to Bay City 753 with a score of 2-3. On Sunday, they played Bay City 752 and lost with a score of 3-6. Lia Enos was the top scorer for Fusion '00 Black with four goals this weekend.

**Fusion 2001 Green**, coached by Stan Dulaney, opened their season with a win at U10 Clio Mustangs on Sunday with a score of 5-1. Goals were scored by Jorgia Nye, Paige Messick, Ellie Wardell, and Baylee Rohn and were assisted by Tessa Dulaney, Sydney Grodsinsky, Paige Messick, and Ellie Wardell. Led by Charis Queary, the defense shut down the Mustangs for the final 40 minutes of the game, and Maya Etienne had a clean sheet in goal for the second half.

## U11 Boys

Saturday was the season opener for the **Fusion 1999 White** coached by Drew Emrich. The boys hosted the Lapeer Renegades in a game full of back and forth action. Lapeer got on the board early, requiring the Fusion '99 White to overcome a 2 goal deficit. Five minutes from half time, Jacob Hilbrandt finished a cross from Matthew Boswell for Fusion '99 White's first goal.

Down one at half, the boys came out of halftime and tied the game quickly off a solo effort by Matthew Boswell. Lapeer responded 45 seconds later to go up 3-2. Then in the 20th minute, Jacob Hilbrandt scored his second of the day off a great cut-back and cross from Luke Shelton. Again, Lapeer quickly responded going ahead 4-3 with 10 minutes to play. Fusion '99 White responded with a tying goal at the 30 minute mark from Matthew Boswell with his second of the day off a great feed from Owen Peck. Fusion '99 White kept the pressure on for the remaining five minutes, but ultimately they had to settle for a 4-4 tie.

## U11 Girls

**Fusion 1999 White**, coached by Erica Bader and Amanda Watson, played their first home game of the season against Owasso on Sunday. Alyssa Sarnowski and Alyssa Coffey each scored a pair of goals in the 4-2 win.

**Fusion 2000 Green**, coached by Dan Rajewski, also traveled down to Cleveland for the CASA tournament this past weekend. Fusion '00 Green went 2-1 with their only loss to the tournament finalists. The team played excellent offensively in their loss, outshooting their opponents 22-10. Madison Barrie was the lead scorer for the weekend with 4 goals. Riley Rajewski and Corinne Dunsmore scored 3 each. Madison Schwind and Carlee Davis played excellent defensively.

## U12 Boys

**Fusion 1998 Green**, coached by Rod Coleman, are a U12 Boys team who are playing up in a U13 division. On Saturday, the Fusion '98 Green opened the season at home with a 1-1 tie against Goodrich. Alex Fetner scored the goal on an assist from Nick Steiner to give Fusion a 1-0 halftime lead. Goodrich scored their goal midway through the second half to force the tie.

On Sunday in a non-league road game, Fusion '98 Green beat Saginaw '97 3-1. Scoring goals for Fusion were Daniel Haines, Matthew Bone and Max Coleman. Brendan O'Connor, Spencer Hulbert and Matthew Vickery split time in goal over the weekend.

## U12 Girls

**Fusion 1998 Green**, coached by Mark Fetterolf, is a U12 Girls team playing up in a U13 division. In their first away game, '98 Green maintained possession for much of the game and defeated Michigan Chill 2-0. Fusion '98 Green then played a very physical Clio team at home on Sunday in a tough 1-2 loss.

## U13 Boys

**Fusion Premier 1997 Green**, coached by Chris Dean, had 2 games this weekend. The opener was in Lansing versus MI Chill. The boys started strong with a 3 goal lead at the half. Two of those goals were scored by Michael Dean and the third by Johnny Wilson. The second half was a different story. Fusion '97 Green suffered a key injury, several penalties and a strong wind. The Chill scored 4 unanswered goals in the second half, for a 4-3 defeat. At home on Sunday the team played the Force, falling 3-1.

## U14 Boys

**Fusion Premier 1996 Green**, coached by Drew Talbott, started their Premier season with two games this weekend. On Saturday, the team traveled to Waterford. After going into the half tied, Fusion '96 Green would eventually fall 4-1. On Sunday, Fusion '96 Green played RSC Lighting at home. Despite missing two starters, Fusion '96 Green finished the game tied 2-2.

## U14 Girls

**Fusion Premier 1996 Green**, coached by Drew Emrich, headed into their first Premier league fixture at home with a bench depleted by injuries and illness. Fusion '96 Green hosted SOCS '96 who got out to a quick lead. SOCS then put another one on the board before half, off a restart following a foul outside the penalty area. Five minutes before the second half Fusion '96 Green finally got on the board. Following a corner kick and a jumble in the box, a loose ball rolled out to Sam Rapanos, who struck with a well placed ball from 30-yards out.

Early in the second half, SOCS '96 would score their third goal. Fusion '96 Green responded with excellent defense pressure leading to a turn over and Katey Helwick pounced on the opportunity to cut the lead, scoring another goal. SOCS would ultimately score two more goals in the final 5 minutes, beating Fusion '96 Green with a score of 5-2.

## U15 Boys

**Fusion Premier 1995 Green**, coached by Ryan Ellis, played on Sunday versus FC Nova in a State Cup game and lost 2-0. Both goals scored against Fusion '95 Green were on direct free kicks.

## U17 Boys

**Fusion Premier 1993 Green**, coached by Dave Neithamer, started their league season by beating Clarkston Impact 4-0 at home. Nate Brown scored all four goals with assists from Martin Card and Conner Lemeisz. On Sunday, the team traveled to Wixom to play their first State Cup match against Vardar South and drew a hard fought match 0-0.

## U18 Boys

**Fusion Premier 1992 Green**, coached by Ryan Ellis, opened their season with two league games this weekend. They played Chicago Fire on Saturday and tied 2-2. On Sunday, they played Brighton Express and won 1-0.

**Tickets Start at Just \$6!**

**DIVE IN!**  
**May 14th Soccer Night!**  
**Game Time 7:05p.m.**

There will be soccer themed games and fun throughout the game!

Loons.com 989.837.BALL

# PHOTO OF THE WEEK



## We need your photos!

Submit your best photos from practices and games for the MSC Photo of the Week Contest. Your photo will be featured in the newsletter, on our homepage and on our facebook page.

Submit to [lovisagolder@midlandsoccerclub.org](mailto:lovisagolder@midlandsoccerclub.org)



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

A calendar of upcoming events from the MSC and our partners.

## APRIL

April 24 Rec Spring 2010 Opening Day

## MAY

May 1 Warner Photography Team Photo Day

May 7-9 Midland Invitational Tournament

May 14 Soccer Night at The Loons

May 22 Blood Drive

May 29-31 Memorial Day Weekend - MSC Complex Closed

## JUNE

June 1 Fall 2010 Soccer Registration Opens

June 13-16 Select Try-Outs

## JULY

July 19-23 Coerver Coaching Camp

## SPRING RESTAURANT TOUR



Tuesday, April 27th  
6801 Eastman Ave  
989-837-7427

Upcoming Restaurant Tour Stops:

Tuesday, May 4



Thursday, May 14



Wednesday, May 19



All of the Restaurant Tour participants require that you turn in a flyer designating that sale as part of the fundraiser. Please visit our website, [www.midlandsoccerclub.org](http://www.midlandsoccerclub.org), to print off the flyer.

### SOCCER STORE

### Saturday Sidewalk Sales!

Saturday, April 24th & May 1st

Stop by the Soccer Store at the Main Building and check out the deep discounts on sweat-shirts, t-shirts, blankets and more! Load up on MSC gear and help us make room for new merchandise.



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