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Club Newsletter  
October 2024

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# Foreword Executive Director



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Dear Members and Supporters

The ball is officially rolling! The start of the season has brought with it excitement, energy, hard work from our players, and support from our families that is truly inspiring. Our players have displayed passion and resilience, our coaches have guided with expertise, and our supporters have been treated to some great soccer.

As we reflect on these early days, it's clear that we are not just a team, but a community that comes together to share in the highs and learn from the challenges. Whether you're a player, coach, parent, or fan, your contribution has helped to create a positive and spirited atmosphere that fuels our success.

We look forward to building on this momentum in the coming months. Together, we will continue to foster a love for the game, create lasting memories, and ignite excellence.

Thank you for your dedication and support. Here's to many more great moments ahead!

Yours in soccer,

Brendon Weinhardt  
Executive Director  
Anthracite FC



# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

## **Anthracite Football Club**

**#RaiseTheAxe**

**October 12-13**

**Columbus Day Explorer Cup**

2011 Arsenal, 2012 Celtic, 2013 Ajax

**Rael Vodicka WAGS Tournament**

2013 Barca

**Coppa Classico**

2011 Sounders

**Sunday, October 13**

2015 Valencia v Pocono Mtn. SC – 3 PM

**Saturday, October 19**

2011 Sounders v United Philly SC – 2 PM

2014 Santos v Northeast United SC – 3:30 PM

2014 Roma @ Carbon United SC – 10 AM

2015 Milan v Mountain Top FC – 4:30 PM

2016 Juventus v Keystone Athletic – 2 PM

**Sunday, October 20**

2011 Arsenal @ FC Ballyhoo – 12 PM

2011 Sounders v FC Europa – 10:30 AM

2012 Celtic @ Penn Alliance SC – 2 PM

2013 Ajax @ Springfield FC – 11 AM

2013 Timbers v West End SC – 4 PM

2013 Barca @ Hex FC Keystone – 9 AM

2015 Milan @ Northeast United SC – 9:30 AM





# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

## **Anthracite Football Club**

**#RaiseTheAxe**

**Friday, October 25**

2015 Valencia v TNT – 6 PM

**Saturday, October 26**

2014 Santos v East Allen SC – 2 PM

2014 Roma v East Allen SC – 3:30 PM

2015 Milan v Northeast United SC – 2 PM

2016 Juventus v Mountain Top FC – 12:30 PM

**Sunday, October 27**

2011 Sounders @ Hex FC Keystone – 12 PM

2013 Ajax @ Southern Chester County SC – 1 PM

2013 Barca @ Philadelphia SC – 12:30 PM

2013 Timbers v Nazareth SC – 4:30 PM

2016 Juventus @ Reading Rage SC – 1 PM

**Saturday, November 2**

2011 Sounders v FM Footy – 12:30 PM

2013 Ajax v FC Delco – 6:30 PM

2013 Barca v NECA FC – 2 PM

2014 Roma @ West End SC – 10 AM

2015 Milan v Nazareth SC – 12:30 PM

2016 Juventus @ Northeast United SC – 9 AM

**Sunday, November 3**

2011 Arsenal @ Penn FC – 12 PM & 2:45 PM

2015 Valencia @ Abington SC – 12:30 PM





# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

## **Anthracite Football Club**

**#RaiseTheAxe**

### ***Saturday, November 9***

*2011 Arsenal v East Penn SC - 2:30 PM*

*2014 Roma v Keystone Athletic - 12:30 PM*

### ***Saturday, November 10***

*2012 Celtic v Philadelphia SC - 12 PM*

*2013 Barca @ Hulmeville SC - 11 AM*

*2013 Timbers @ Lower Mac SC - 10 AM*

*2015 Valencia v West End SC - 3 PM*



\*Match days and times are subject to change



**Anthracite FC**

# **KICK-A-THON**



**September 20  
6-9 PM**

**Hillside Park  
1188 Winola Rd.  
Clarks Summit, PA**

**We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in and contributed to the Anthracite FC Kick-a-Thon fundraiser at Hillside Park. With a total of over \$17,000 raised, we have surpassed our goal for our Scholarship and Financial Aid fund for this year and are able to ensure that travel soccer is accessible to all of our players.**

**We deeply appreciate your continued support and are extremely proud of and grateful for our Club community who help make these opportunities possible!**



# PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

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Anthracite FC is excited to announce our new partnership with **My Personal Football Coach (MPFC)** – the leading soccer training app built to take your game to the next level – **at no additional cost** to our players and families!

Through this partnership, AFC players will have access to world-class training techniques focused on **improving ball mastery, technical development, and decision-making** – all **while training anytime, anywhere**. Whether you're at home, in the park, or on the pitch, you can sharpen your skills outside of our club's team training.

The MPFC app was developed by **Saul Isaksson-Hurst**, a highly-respected technical coach with over a decade of experience at the elite level, **having worked in the Arsenal, Chelsea, and Tottenham Hotspur academies**. Saul has helped mold top talents, including **USMNT striker Folarin Balogun** and **Chelsea/England winger Noni Madueke**. His innovative approach zeroes in on **individual skill development**, and now, through our collaboration, AFC players can learn directly from one of the best in the business.

At AFC, we are always pushing for new, cutting-edge ways to help our players develop. With MPFC, they'll have access to **technical drills, progressive workouts, and exclusive content that highlights the signature skills of the world's top stars**. This is an invaluable resource that allows players to take control of their own individual development and expand their skill set to raise their game to the next level.

It's been exciting seeing the number of hours our players have put in via the app, and we can't wait to see our players further elevate their performance with this incredible resource!



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# ANTHRACITE FC

## ALUMNI AT THE NEXT LEVEL



**Amani Byrinbiro '24**

PSU-Scranton  
Class: Freshman  
Position: MID  
Major: Social Work



**Joey Heller '24**

York College  
Class: Freshman  
Position: MID  
Major: Mechanical Engineering



**Asher Nichols '24**

Cairn University  
Class: Freshman  
Position: MID  
Major: Elementary Education



**Jake Ohrin '24**

Ursinus College  
Class: Freshman  
Position: DEF  
Major: Biology



**Mike Peregrim '23**

Keystone College  
Class: Freshman  
Position: DEF  
Major: Sport and Recreation Mgmt.



**Phil Sykes '24**

East Stroudsburg University  
Class: Freshman  
Position: GK  
Major: Finance



**Nick Tighe '24**

Kings College  
Class: Freshman  
Position: MID/DEF  
Major: Undecided



## Igniting Excellence

\*Year indicates final season played for the club

\*Anthracite FC was formerly Riverfront United from 2020-2024





# COLUMBUS DAY SOCCER CLINIC

**2014-2019 Birth Years**

**Fitzpatrick Field, Scranton**

**Girls and Boys**

**2017-2019: 9-10:30 AM**

**2014-2016: 10:45-12 PM**



**Scan the QR to access  
the registration form**

**\$20 (2014-2016)**

**\$15 (2017-2019)**

**WWW.ANTHRACITEFC.ORG**



# **MONTHLY REVIEW** **SEPTEMBER**

**McDade Park  
Lackawanna County**



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***Every challenge we face only makes us stronger and  
more determined to push forward.***



# MONTHLY REVIEW

# SEPTEMBER

We are a full two months into the soccer year and right in the middle of the Fall season. By now, all of our youth teams have taken to the field to compete and are applying what they've been learning at training to take the challenges they face on the pitch head-on. We have many reasons to be proud of the commitment and effort our players are putting in and are excited to bring you the following updates. We look forward to our players and teams keeping up the great work the rest of the Fall!

## 2011 Boys Arsenal (11v11)

After going winless at the Spirit United Kickoff Classic, Arsenal kicked off their inaugural campaign in EDP Premier III with a bang. The team stormed out to four straight victories to start the season scoring 23 goals while only conceding 2. This is the highest level Arsenal has ever played at and the team has been impressive throughout in its charge toward promotion to the USYS National League. With matches vs. the 2nd and 3rd place teams, FC Ballyhoo and Penn FC, still to come, Arsenal still has work to do to pull away at the top of the table. The team will take a break from league play this upcoming Columbus Day weekend, as they travel to Philadelphia to compete in the Explorer Cup tournament.

## EDP Premier III Results:

2011 Arsenal 3-2 Reading Rage SC

2011 Arsenal 7-0 East Penn SC

2011 Arsenal 11-0 CASA Elite FC

2011 Arsenal 2-0 Eagle FC



## 2011 Boys Sounders (11v11)

Sounders has had a tough start to their first season in the EDP leagues after being scheduled versus the top four teams in the league on their first four matchdays – three of which were away days with long trips to Delaware, Lancaster, and Harrisburg. While the results haven't gone the way the team had hoped, the rise in level of competition has motivated the team to increase its level of intensity in training. With three of the last four matches being played at home, Sounders are eager to get their first wins of the season and finish strong. The team heads back to Harrisburg this weekend and aims to get back on track at the Coppa Classico tournament hosted by Penn FC.



### **EDP Premier VI Results:**

2011 Sounders 2-9 Delaware FC  
2011 Sounders 1-4 Lancaster Elite FC  
2011 Sounders 0-8 NECA FC  
2011 Sounders 0-4 Penn FC



### **2012 Boys Celtic (11v11)**

Celtic came into the new season placed in the USYS National League Mid-Atlantic Conference for the first time and has displayed outstanding growth as it's adjusting to its first year of 11v11 soccer. The team rocketed out to a 4-0-1 record with an 21-4 goal difference in their first five games with different players stepping up every week to make an impact on matches on both sides of the ball. Celtic currently holds first place in the league with two big games remaining versus Penn Alliance and a familiar foe in Philadelphia SC, who is second place in the table. The team heads into this weekend at the Explorer Cup where they are set to take on another National League team from the South Atlantic Conference in Touch Kings FC, as well as Lehigh Valley United's ECNL-RL team.

### **USYS National League II Results:**

2012 Celtic 5-1 Upper Twp. SA  
2012 Celtic 6-0 PA Rush  
2012 Celtic 3-2 SJEB FC  
2012 Celtic 0-0 Sporting AC  
2012 Celtic 7-1 Delaware FC



### **2013 Boys Ajax (9v9)**

After a mid-table finish last Spring, Ajax made it their ambition to challenge for the 2024 Fall EDP Premier II season title. They've put together impressive performances and currently sit 2nd in the league table with a 3-1-1 record having played 3 of the top 5 teams in the league (FC Revolution, FC DELCO, Warrington SC). The team is finding contributions within games from the entire roster while individuals are hungry to improve, creating a beneficial and productive training environment Ajax joins Arsenal and Celtic on Columbus Day weekend as they compete in the Explorer Cup in Philadelphia.

### **EDP Premier II Results:**

2013 Ajax 1-0 Warrington SC  
2013 Ajax 4-3 Exeter United FC  
2013 Ajax 1-3 FC Revolution  
2013 Ajax 2-2 FC Delco  
2013 Ajax 3-0 Lancaster Elite FC





## 2013 Girls Barca (9v9)

Barca started the season with a loss as they adjusted to personnel and position changes within the team, but they quickly bounced back in a commanding fashion. The girls have been knocking in the goals and are displaying an exquisite understanding of how to combine in attacking areas and position themselves optimally to finish their attacks. Being in EDP I, the team is already at the top of the USYS pyramid. This, coupled with the fact that Barca is challenging for first-place, is a testament to this team's continued growth and commitment. With tough matches ahead, including a return fixture at Philadelphia SC, the girls have a chance to secure the top spot in the league for the second Fall in a row.

### EDP Premier I Results:

2013 Barca 1-2 Philadelphia SC  
2013 Barca 4-2 Nether United FC  
2013 Barca 2-1 NECA FC  
2013 Barca 7-0 Nether United FC  
2013 Barca 6-1 Hex FC Keystone  
2013 Barca 4-0 Hulmeville SC



## 2013 Boys Timbers (9v9)

Timbers have had a tough start to the season having already played the two top teams in the division. Following those first matches, specific

details in areas of their game, for example build-up play were addressed and worked on. Since then, there's been a clear improvement in the team's performances. Now it's up to the team to string together two strong halves to get that first win of the season. Based on the improvement of the team as an entire unit, we're confident those first three points are coming soon!

### Lehigh Valley Youth SL White Results:

2013 Timbers 2-14 NECA FC  
2013 Timbers 1-5 Nazareth SC  
2013 Timbers 2-6 Lower Mac SC  
2013 Timbers 0-3 Nazareth SC



## 2014 Boys Santos (9v9)

After a finals appearance at the Spirit Kickoff Classic, Santos continued their good form and started their season strong with big wins versus ENCO and East Allen. There is a ton of individual talent in this young team, and when the boys play a style that makes the most of everyone's strengths, Santos looks like a team capable of competing at much higher levels. We look forward to the team continuing their commitment to refining their style of play and finishing strong this Fall before turning focus toward advancing into the EDP leagues in the Spring. We're excited for them to

progress and play against greater competition more consistently!

#### **Lehigh Valley Youth SL Red Results:**

2014 Santos 9-1 East Allen SC  
2014 Santos 5-1 ENCO SC  
2014 Santos 8-1 ENCO SC  
2014 Santos 2-8 Northeast United SC  
2014 Santos 4-3 East Allen SC  
2014 Santos 11-1 ENCO SC



#### **2014 Girls Roma (9v9)**

Roma is one of our first-year teams and only began training together in early September. The girls were thrown into the deep end when league matches commenced around the same time, but they have only continued to impress. After starting with just six players after tryouts and a number of new players joining in the Summer, the team has grown together quickly and improved massively in a very short period of time. Roma is competing far beyond our expectations and are progressing ahead of schedule. We're excited for the girls' continued development and look forward to them finishing their first league season strong!

#### **Lehigh Valley Youth SL Results:**

2014 Roma 7-3 West End SC  
2014 Roma 3-5 Keystone Athletic  
2014 Roma 1-5 Northeast United SC  
2014 Roma 2-0 Back Mountain SC

#### **2015 Boys Milan (7v7)**

As another first-year team, the boys from Milan have experienced incredible individual, technical development, as well as an enormous jump in their positional understanding in a short period of time. This has helped Milan experience success in their first league matches while also playing a brand of soccer that's easy on the eye. The boys' commitment to their club training and individual work at home is evident by the progress the group has shown as a whole. With tough matches ahead in the league, we look forward to the team continuing their momentum and improving!

#### **Lehigh Valley Youth SL Red Results:**

2015 Milan 1-9 Northeast United SC  
2015 Milan 9-2 Mountain Top FC  
2015 Milan 6-2 Reading Rage SC



#### **2015 Boys Valencia (7v7)**

Valencia began their season in September also as a brand new team with a combination of 2015s and 2016s playing up a year. Although the results haven't gone their way, this energetic, young group hasn't dropped their heads and continues to work and develop in their first year of competitive soccer together. The boys have quickly bonded and we look forward to them rewarding



themselves and their hard work with a positive result soon!

### **Lehigh Valley Youth SL Blue Results:**

2015 Valencia 1-6 TNT

2015 Valencia 2-7 Pocono Mtn. SC



### **2016 Girls Juventus (7v7)**

For a team that has a majority of its players playing one to two years up, Juventus is competing and improving every game. The girls' skills and ball control are up there with some of the best teams in the league, and they work incredibly well as a unit. With this being their first-ever season of competitive soccer, they are still learning and adjusting to the intensity and organization needed. We're incredibly proud of this group's commitment and know it's only a matter of time before they begin making waves.

### **Lehigh Valley Youth SL Results:**

2016 Juventus 0-10 Nazareth SC

2016 Juventus 0-3 Northeast Utd. SC

2016 Juventus 0-13 Northeast Utd. SC

2016 Juventus 2-7 Western Lehigh SC



### **2017 Boys Cityzens (7v7)**

Despite being the youngest team, Cityzens has proven itself to have the most physically-intense training environment in the entire club. This enthusiastic, young group of players possess an exciting level of talent throughout the entire team. Cityzens has started their competitive travel experience in a new U8 division in LVYSL and the buy-in from the players and families to travel to play doubleheaders has created a launching pad for this new team to gather valuable experience much earlier than the typical player pathway.

### **Lehigh Valley Youth SL Red Results:**

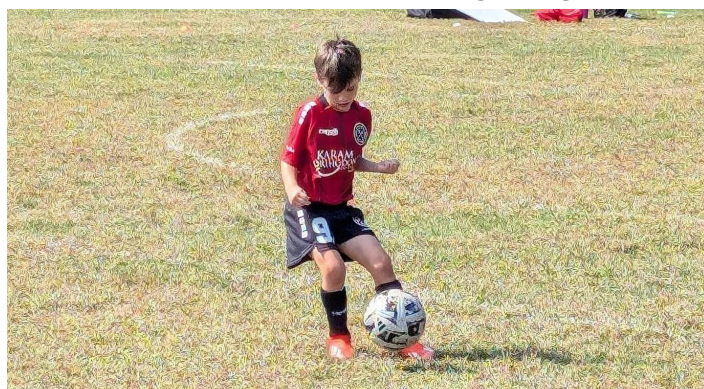
2017 Cityzens 4-3 Northeast United SC

2017 Cityzens 5-3 East Allen SC

2017 Cityzens 2-8 Northeast United SC

2017 Cityzens 3-1 East Allen SC

2017 Cityzens 1-6 Reading Rage SC



### **Showcase Teams**

Our five showcase teams began training on Sunday, September 9th following Labor Day weekend. They will continue to meet once a week until the high school soccer season ends. Their team previews will follow in November. Stay tuned!

# TEAM INFORMATION Full-Sided 2024-2025

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Team	League	Coach
2006 Boys Wolves	USYS National League 2	Zachary Shiposh
2006 Boys Spurs	EDP Premier IV	Thomas Knox
2008 Boys Dortmund	EDP Premier IV	Craig Wilkinson
2010 Boys Bayern	EDP Premier III	Carlos Perez
2010 Girls Lyon	EDP Premier IV	Carlos Perez
2011 Boys Arsenal	EDP Premier III	Zachary Shiposh
2011 Boys Sounders	EDP Premier VI	Gerard Borosky
2012 Boys Celtic	USYS National League 2	Zachary Shiposh

\*Showcase teams (2006-2010) display Spring 2024 league placing

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# TEAM INFORMATION

**Small-Sided**  
**2024-2025**

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Team	League	Coach
2013 Boys Ajax	EDP Premier II	Ryan Heins
2013 Girls Barca	EDP Premier I	Brendon Weinhardt
2013 Boys Timbers	LVYSL White	Richard Fuchs
2014 Girls Roma	LVYSL Red	Brendon Weinhardt
2014 Boys Santos	LVYSL Red	Brendon Weinhardt
2015 Boys Milan	LVYSL Red	Zachary Shiposh
2015 Boys Valencia	LVYSL Blue	Richard Fuchs
2016 Girls Juventus	LVYSL Red	Brendon Weinhardt
2017 Boys Cityzens	LVYSL Red	Brendon Weinhardt

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## ANTHRACITE FC GOLDEN BOOT

# STANDINGS

Pos.	Player	Goals
1	<b>Zack Bachman</b> 2014 Santos	19
2	<b>Luke Nichols</b> 2014 Santos	11
3	<b>Clara Kurilla</b> 2013 Barca	10
4	<b>Nahuel Andrade</b> 2012 Celtic	8
5	<b>Four Players</b> Various Teams	7



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## ANTHRACITE FC PLAYMAKER AWARD

# STANDINGS

Pos.	Player	Assists
1	<b>Nolia Benedict</b> 2013 Barca	8
1	<b>Luke Nichols</b> 2014 Santos	8
3	<b>Liubomyr Vasylynka</b> 2011 Arsenal	7
3	<b>Logan Slater</b> 2014 Santos	7
5	<b>Jack Garvey</b> 2014 Santos	6
5	<b>Clara Kurilla</b> 2013 Barca	6



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## ANTHRACITE FC GOLDEN GLOVE

# STANDINGS

Pos.	Player	Clean Sheets
1	<b>Matthew Welkey</b> 2012 Celtic	4
2	<b>Brooke Patchcoski</b> 2013 Barca	3
2	<b>Hunter Davis</b> 2011 Arsenal	3
4	<b>Kharis Fenton</b> 2013 Barca	2
5	<b>Clare Hogan</b> 2014 Roma	1
5	<b>David Paluch</b> 2013 Ajax	1

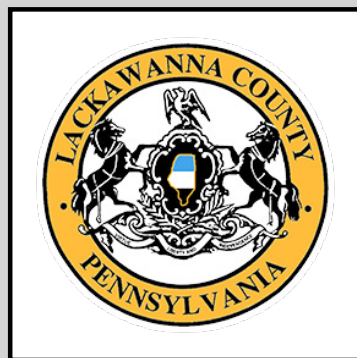
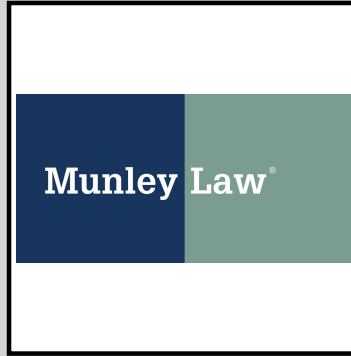


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