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Football Club

Club Newsletter
September 2024

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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

September 7

2011 Arsenal 3-2 Reading Rage

2015 Milan 1-9 Northeast United SC

September 8

2011 Sounders 2-9 Delaware FC

2012 Celtic 5-1 Upper Twp.

2013 Ajax 1-0 Warrington SC

2013 Santos 9-1 East Allen SC

2015 Valencia 1-7 TNT

September 13

2013 Timbers v NECA FC – 6 PM

September 14

2013 Barca v Philadelphia SC – 5 PM

2014 Santos @ ENCO SC – 9 AM, 11:30 AM

2014 Roma v West End SC – 3:30 PM

2015 Milan @ Mountain Top FC – 10 AM

2016 Juventus @ Nazareth SC – 10 AM

September 15

2012 Celtic v PA Rush – 11:30 AM

2013 Timbers @ Nazareth SC – 11:30 AM

2013 Barca @ Nether United SC – 3:20 PM

2015 Valencia @ Pocono Mountain SC – 4 PM



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Anthracite Football Club

#RaiseTheAxe

Saturday, September 21

2011 Arsenal @ East Penn SC - 3 PM

2011 Sounders @ Lancaster Elite SC - 11 AM

2013 Ajax v FC Delco Conshy - 4 PM

2014 Santos @ Northeast United SC - 3:30 PM

2014 Roma @ Keystone Athletic SC - 10 AM

Sunday, September 22

2012 Celtic @ SJEB FC - 2 PM

2013 Ajax @ Exeter United SC - 11 AM

2013 Timbers v Lower Mac SC - 9 AM

2015 Milan v Northeast United - 9 AM

2015 Valencia v Abington SC - 12 PM

Friday, September 27

2016 Juventus v Northeast United SC - 6 PM

Saturday, September 28

2013 Barca v Nether United SC - 12:30 PM

2014 Santos @ East Allen SC - 4 PM

Sunday, September 29

2011 Arsenal v CASA Elite SC - 3 PM

2011 Sounders v NECA FC - 12 PM

2012 Celtic v Sporting AC - 10:30 AM

2013 Ajax @ FC Revolution - 10:30 AM

2013 Timbers @ Nazareth SC - 2 PM

2014 Roma @ Northeast United SC - 11:15 AM



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Anthracite Football Club

#RaiseTheAxe

Saturday, October 5

2012 Celtic @ Delaware FC - 11 AM

2013 Barca v Hex FC - 3:30 PM

2014 Santos v ENCO SC - 12:30 PM

2014 Roma v Back Mountain SC - 2 PM

2015 Milan v Reading Rage SC - 4 PM

2016 Juventus @ Western Lehigh SC - 9:30 AM

Sunday, October 6

2011 Arsenal v Eagle FC - 3 PM

2011 Sounders @ Penn FC - 11:45 AM

2013 Ajax v Lancaster Elite SC - 10:30 AM

2013 Barca v Hulmeville SC - 10:30 AM

2015 Valencia @ West End SC - 1:30 PM



*Match days and times are subject to change

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KICK-A-THON



September 20
6-9 PM

Hillside Park
1188 Winola Rd.
Clarks Summit, PA



All proceeds will support the
AFC Scholarship and Financial Aid Program

ANTHRACITEFC KICK-A-THON

We're thrilled to announce that in our inaugural season, we will be **offering financial aid and scholarships** to ensure that **travel soccer is accessible to all players**. This program is made possible through **fundraising activities** designated specifically to support scholarships and is not funded by club dues or general operating funds.

Our first fundraiser for the Scholarship & Financial Aid Program will be a Kick-a-thon, held on **Saturday, September 21, from 6-9 PM at Hillside Park**. We're calling on all our players to show off their leg strength for a great cause! Players can invite friends and family to sponsor their goal kicks with donations, either **per yard or as a flat amount**. Each player will have five attempts to kick the ball as far as possible, and the farther they kick, the more money we raise to help teammates and clubmates participate in soccer.

To streamline the fundraising, we'll be using **99Pledges.com**. This will allow you to easily reach out to friends and family via email and social media. Each player will receive an email with a link to their personalized online pledge page. There's no need to log in or make changes—just make a donation and share the link with your network. If you don't receive the email, you can easily find your child's pledge page at **www.99pledges.com/fund/anthracitefc**.

Participation in the Kick-a-thon is **optional**, but we hope as many players as possible will join in, as **no amount raised is too small!** With your help, we can continue to provide accessible, high-quality soccer opportunities for all our players, while **promoting inclusivity, personal growth, and community engagement**.

We're proud to offer scholarships and financial aid in our first season, and we're grateful for the support of our families and community, who help make these opportunities possible. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Kick-a-thon and to a fantastic season ahead!

Brendon Weinhardt
Executive Director
Anthracite FC

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 **September '24**
Fundraiser



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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



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*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



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the registration form**

\$20 (2014-2016)

\$15 (2017-2019)

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MONTHLY REVIEW

AUGUST

With Team Camp, four weeks of preseason, and the first tournaments of the year for most of our teams behind us, we are now gearing up for the Fall league season.

By release, some teams may have already played their first league games – we hope they all get off to a great start! Throughout this section, the reader will notice a common theme within the Club is how our teams are consistently being challenged via placement in higher-level divisions of leagues and tournaments. We believe the balance of challenge vs. success to be critical in youth soccer player development. We are fortunate that our players are constantly striving to take the next step in their individual development and thus always crave playing against more formidable levels of competition. We are excited to see them take on the new challenges this Fall season!

2011 Boys Arsenal (11v11)

Arsenal started the season at the Spirit United Kickoff Classic at United Sports in Downingtown, PA as as they competed in the second-highest division of a Top-25 ranked tournament in the country. There, Arsenal faced off against the best

competition they have seen to date. Although the team went 0-3 on the weekend, the boys gathered much-needed experience against quality opposition. This experience has clearly motivated them as they've attacked the post-tournament training sessions with new intensity and focus as they head into the EDP Premier III season.

Spirit United Kickoff Classic Results:

2011 Arsenal 1-3 Old Line FC

2011 Arsenal 0-2 FC Delco ECNL-RL

2011 Arsenal 1-3 Coppermine SC



2011 Boys Sounders (11v11)

Sounders began their season at the Gettysburg Battlefield Blast – a tournament that the team won last year. This year, the boys were placed two divisions higher, and thus were pitted against tougher competition. In three tough games, the team took the lead twice, but unfortunately couldn't hold on for wins. In their other match,

Sounders was incredibly focused and well-organized in defense as they went toe-to-toe with Catonsville, an EDP IV team from Maryland. Both of the AFC and Catonsville goalkeepers had excellent games as a number of high-quality chances were crafted, but neither team could break through until Catonsville scored with two minutes left. The team had an great showing and can build off of the determined performances as they enter their league season.

Gettysburg Battlefield Blast Results:

2011 Sounders 1-3 Old Line FC

2011 Sounders 0-2 FC Delco ECNL-RL

2011 Sounders 1-3 Coppermine SC



2012 Boys Celtic (11v11)

At the Spirit United Kickoff Classic, Celtic faced their first competition in the 11v11 format, placed in the tournament's second-highest tier. The team started strong with a convincing win against PA Classics NAL in the opening match, but struggled to maintain that same energy in their second match against Match Fit's ECNL-RL team. This set up a challenging semi-final against Saints International Academy, the Ohio affiliate of Southampton FC and team ranked #44 in the nation. Celtic rose to the occasion, playing their best game

yet, and shocked their opponent with a tying goal right after halftime. For the next ten minutes, they dominated, pinning Saints in their own half while searching for the winning goal.

Unfortunately, Celtic ran out of steam, and Saints regained control, showing their class in the last fifteen minutes to secure the win. Despite the defeat, it was a fantastic effort from Celtic, and the experience of competing against a top-ranked team will be invaluable as they head into the USYS National League season.

Spirit United Kickoff Classic Results:

2012 Celtic 3-0 PA Classics NAL

2012 Celtic 1-3 Match Fit FC ECNL-RL

2012 Celtic 1-6 Saints Int'l Academy



2013 Boys Ajax (9v9)

Ajax had a great kick-off to their Fall season at the Spirit United Tournament, building off of the successes they've had the season before. The first game against West Ottawa SC saw Ajax swiftly moving the ball around to probe the opposition resulting in Ajax killing the game off with a 5-2 win. The second game against an athletic Washington United saw Ajax assert control in the game through dominant possession and chances created, but ultimately couldn't find the finishing touch in one

of Ajax's most complete performance. Unfortunately, the lack of finishing saw Washington United come away with 3 goals off of 4 chances created, with Ajax failing to score. The last game against FC Delco proved to be a game of momentum swings where Ajax learned lessons of game management in a hard fought 3-3 tie. The tournament was a great tune-up for the team as they head into the EDP II season on the weekend of September 7-8.

Spirit United Kickoff Classic Results:

2013 Ajax 5-2 West Ottawa SC
2013 Ajax 0-3 Washington United SC
2013 Ajax 3-3 FC Delco

2013 Girls Barca (9v9)

At the Spirit United Kickoff Classic – Girls Weekend, Barca came out on day one needing to shake the rust off and still played some tough opponents to close games with a 1-1 tie and a 2-0 loss with a penalty and set piece goal conceded. On day 2, Barca was back to their best and controlled the game winning 2-0 with both goals coming from open play. The girls look to try to continue that momentum taken from the final match into the top Mid-Atlantic EDP division, which they won last year.

Spirit United Kickoff Classic Results:

2013 Barca 1-1 Upper Dublin SC
2013 Barca 0-2 FC Europa
2013 Barca 3-3 West Ottawa SC

2013 Boys Timbers (9v9)

Timbers competed in the Gettysburg Battlefield Blast to kick off their season. Against tough, out-of-state competition, the team put up a great

fight throughout the weekend. Although the results didn't pan out, we can't fault the effort the team displayed. With new lessons learned, the team has kicked on in training with in preparation for their LVYSL season which begins September 13.

Gettysburg Battlefield Blast Results:

2013 Timbers 0-7 Virginia Valor FC
2013 Timbers 1-4 Southeast SC
2013 Timbers 1-8 North Carroll SC



2014 Boys Santos (9v9)

Santos took to the field for the first time with some new players and quickly found the winning formula. The team scored 13 goals in 4 games and came up just short in the final, taking second place. Santos successfully used the first weekend of games to build the chemistry needed to kick on in the league this season.

Spirit United Kickoff Classic Results:

2014 Santos 3-6 FC Delco
2014 Santos 6-3 West Ottawa SC
2014 Santos 3-1 Real FC
2014 Santos 1-5 Deptford Premier FC



2015 Boys Milan (7v7)

Milan traveled in August to Gettysburg to compete in the Battlefield Blast tournament. Despite never having played a match together, they were placed in the second-highest division. Milan started with a 5-5 shootout, followed by a hard-fought draw in the second match. Facing a must-win game on Sunday to reach the finals, the boys showed great growth, finding more passes and displaying excellent teamwork to advance. In the finals, they went down 0-2 in the first half but fought back with two free-kick goals to tie the game. However, they eventually ran out of steam and couldn't overcome a new deficit. Still, the boys can be proud of earning a silver medal in their first competition together, and this experience has motivated them for future challenges.

Gettysburg Battlefield Blast Results:

2015 Milan 5-5 Baltimore Bays

2015 Milan 2-2 SCPASA Summer Select

2015 Milan 4-1 Mountain Top FC

2015 Milan 2-6 SCPASA Summer Select



2014 Girls Roma (9v9)

2015 Boys Valencia (7v7)

2016 Girls Juventus (7v7)

2017 Boys Cityzens (7v7)

Our 2014 Roma, 2015 Valencia, 2016 Juventus and 2017 Cityzens have been training hard together as a group this past year and are eager to start competing this year! These teams did not compete in preseason tournaments, but will kick off their LVYSL seasons on the first two weekends of September. Keep an eye out for next month's newsletter for more details on their starts to the season!

Showcase Teams

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

TEAM INFORMATION

Full-Sided
2024-2025

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



TEAM INFORMATION

Small-Sided
2024-2025

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





 **August '24
Fundraiser**



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Corky's
GARDEN PATH GREENHOUSE

**Families saved a total of \$2,739 on their
accounts for the August Fundraiser!
Mums vouchers are to be redeemed
between 9/8-9/22 at Corky's Garden Path.**

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ANTHRACITE FC GOLDEN BOOT

STANDINGS

Pos.	Player	Goals
1	Zack Bachman 2014 Santos	9
2	Aengus Meehan 2015 Milan	5
2	Nahuel Andrade 2012 Celtic	5
4	Marcio Monteiro 2011 Sounders	4
4	Luke Nichols 2014 Santos	4
6	Nolan Dyson 2013 Ajax	3



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ANTHRACITE FC PLAYMAKER AWARD

STANDINGS

Pos.	Player	Assists
1	Jack Garvey 2014 Santos	2
1	Liubomyr Vasylynka 2011 Arsenal	2
1	Logan Slater 2014 Santos	2
1	Nahuel Andrade 2012 Celtic	2
2	Twelve Players Various Teams	1



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ANTHRACITE FC GOLDEN GLOVE

STANDINGS

Pos.	Player	Clean Sheets
1	David Paluch 2013 Ajax	1
1	Matthew Welkey 2012 Celtic	1



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Mid Valley Youth Soccer



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Mid Valley High School Turf

Partner Spotlight

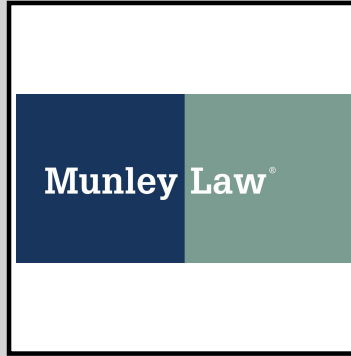
Mid Valley Youth Soccer



We're excited to continue our partnership with MVYS into Fall, as we support their youngest players on their first steps of their journey with the Beautiful Game! We look forward to the rest of Fall with these groups!

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