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President's Message

News from "Hotlanta":

DOC Neddo and I recently attended the annual USYSA convention in Atlanta, Georgia, and I thought I would pass on some of the news and some of my own observations.

It was decided at the Region IV meeting that the 2004 Far West Regionals will be held in Spokane, Washington, at a very nice complex with affordable hotels in the vicinity and a temperate climate at that time of the year. The Washington delegation was ecstatic after coming in second last year to Hawaii for the 2003 Regionals. The tournament in 2005 will take place in Aurora, Colorado, just outside of Denver.

Coach Neddo and I then met, in succession, representatives from adidas, Eurosport, Kwik Goal, NSCAA, and The SportSource to discuss uniform and equipment needs for the Club. In between these fruitful discussions, I was able to watch April Heinrichs teach the crowd how to attack the flat back four, which was quite enlightening.

Two observations by me made the trip worthwhile (other than dinner with Alex Pama, Pat Mathis, and Sandi Wolff and lunch with Andy Mathis):

Time and time again college coaches from across the country approached Coach Neddo wanting to know about the excellent players coming out of Hawaii and the Club in the next couple of years. With great pride he boasted about all of the Bulls who have been picked up by prestigious college programs with partial or full scholarships. Barry Gorman from Penn State gloated about Kenji Treschuk's first season as a freshman starter.

DOCs from several different clubs discussed their structure, successes, and failures. From these discussions, it was clear to me the Bulls are on the right

track for our players. We have to look beyond local competition for these players to be successful. Thanks to our coaching, we are doing just that. Our mission statement refers to state, national and international competition. We now have many players at the Regional, College, and National level, and if we stay on track, we will see them in international competition as soon as August of this year when Coach Neddo takes a team to Holland.

Maintaining this momentum will not be easy. The good things in life don't come easy. The Club needs your continued support and belief in this system to continue to make this happen. When you look at our success on the field and see these coaches on the mainland asking for more players from Hawaii, you can't help but want to be a part of it with the hope that you might be able to make something happen for your son or daughter as well.

Go Bulls!

Ken Perske

From the Director of Coaching . . .

February was a busy month for the Club! Younger teams participated in the Tide State Championship on February 15th, 16th, and 17th, and with the end of their scholastic season, older teams came out to train.

The Keiki Bulls League is completing its eight-week season and has turned out to be a great success. Commissioner Les Aubrey, with his staff, is accomplishing what the Club has set out to do: reaching out to the youth through soccer at the

Bulls Calendar

3/3 Bulls Coaches meeting, 7:30 p.m., Paki Hale

3/7 Oahu League Board Meeting, 7:15, Windward Community College

3/8 HYSA entry deadline for SNICKERS USYSN Championship State Cup

3/11 BOD meeting, 7 p.m., Hawaiian Brian's

3/15 Newsletter deadline for April issue

3/15-17 HYSA 'E' coaching certification, Maui

3/17 Coaches and Managers Business meeting, 7 p.m., Paki Hale

3/24-27 HYSA State ODP Clinic, Waipio Soccer Complex

4/4 Oahu League Board Meeting, 7:15, TBA

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★ Mahalo to Jai Pleskacz for ★
★ taking photos at the ★
★ ProXtremeSoccerCamp ★



Seeing the enthusiasm of the coaches and the players has reminded us all what the game is all about and what we, as a Club, are all about. Many see us as the most competitive club in the state of Hawaii, probably because of the HSC-Bulls teams' record through the years at winning games and tournaments. However, at the beginner to U12 age groups, these past four years, we have only set out to teach the game the best way we feel can give the players a sound knowledge based on the basic skills. We believe this will give the foundation to develop the players that will be successful at the next level.

Many of you wonder why we do not consolidate all our talent with first-, second-team definition until the U12 age group. Instead, we try to create three or more teams in an age group and spread out the talent to offer more learning opportunities to more players for the future. Contrary to popular belief, winning at the younger age groups is not most important; learning, falling in love with the game is. However, one needs to find a measure of success to want to learn and love whatever we do. That is what the Pro Staff has to gauge: how much can we allow the learning process to challenge our players (i.e. playing up, double rostering, small numbers on each team, dividing the talent, etc.) while still keeping the players encouraged and enthusiastic. This is the tough part of the job, and this is where we need the parents' help and support. Right after a tough game or loss, you often make the difference on how your daughter/son will react. Keep positive about the experience of learning and your child will trust you and seek to improve. The consequences will be dramatic in the development of your child. After nineteen years of coaching, I can give you all kinds of stories to illustrate this. But the best examples are those teams (notice the plural!) who have gone through entire winless seasons, only to find themselves going undefeated the following year (U12, U13), winning the League, the State Championship, the **SNICKERS** State Cup, going to the Far West Regionals (even earning Bronze Medals!). Now, one of those U11 winless teams is the first team from Hawaii accepted to the World's #1 Youth Tournament: the **DALLAS CUP!** We are truly proud and excited for all those players, parents, and coaches. However, as many of those use-to-be discouraged parents can attest (ask them!), we believed

in those players when they were not winning and we trained them as we do your children today, on the basics of the game. We will continue to do so, even if some do not ever play in the Dallas Cup, even if they lose the next 10-20 games! We do care about their development, first and foremost...and we love to see them win!

Thank you for the privilege,

Congratulations to the following players who competed for their high school teams: *Kara Ichikawa, Tiffany Todo, Mari Kasamoto, Dayna Omiya, Lori Sakai, Kiani Wong - Iolani Varsity; Selene Williams - Kamehameha Varsity; Ashley Doi, Mele French, Liane Tom - Mililani Varsity; Monica Yempuku - Pac-Five Varsity; Rieko Bryant, Ashley Collins, Kaily Lam, Charlene Lui, Jennifer Proudfoot, Romy Trigg-Smith, Lindsey Yuh - Punahou Varsity; Jobette Nabarro - Waiakea Varsity.*

Tide Cup Results

- 93B Ka'ula - Runner-up, U9B
- 92B Ka'ula - Champions, U10B Gold
- 93G Ka'ula - Champions, U10G Silver
- 91B Ka'ula - Champions, U11B
- 91G Ka'ula - Runner-up, U11G
- 90B Ka'ula - Runner-up, U12B

Our Club had another strong showing. Some teams reached farther than expected of them, while other did what we have come to expect from them. We also had a few teams fall short of their potential which was a good reminder of the work that lies ahead.

It was great to see the coaches, parents, and most of all, the players pulling together throughout the tournament as they always do. Most Club members had an interest and knowledge about how fellow HSC-Bulls teams were doing. Thanks to all our supporters.

Jacob Blanchard, Coaching Coordinator

The Club also received a letter from HYSA, which reads in part: "The success of The Tide American Cup was due to the resources of a totally volunteer body of individuals. HYSA would like to acknowledge the extraordinary help, from your club, that Glenn Anderson and Jose Dydasco rendered to make this a successful tournament."

