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## **Bulls Calendar**

08/04 Oahu League BOD meeting, 7:15 p.m., Gentry Pacific Center

08/08 HSC Bulls Coaches and Managers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Manoa Valley District Park

08/10 HSC Bulls BOD meeting, 7:00 p.m., 900 Fort Street Mall

08/06 Player Registration Deadline – 4:00 p.m., Soccerama

08/20 Newsletter deadline for September issue

08/22 HSC Bulls Coaches and Managers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Manoa Valley District Park

## **Message from the President**

It was 8:15 a.m. on a steamy Sunday morning in Orlando, Florida. The immaculate pitch was covered in dew; the air was thick with anticipation. The HSC Bulls U19 Boys and staff were focused and came prepared to play in the USYSA National Championship Match. To get there, they were the first team from Hawaii to win the Far West Regional Championship. Then, in round robin play, they defeated the Maryland representative Baltimore Bays with speed in a 3-0 shutout; lost 1-0 to North Carolina's Capital Area Soccer League (CASL) Elite 84 Boys; and beat Scott Gallagher from Missouri (a team making its 7<sup>th</sup> appearance). No one other than the Bulls expected a team from Hawaii to be there, much less be competitive. But no one doubted Coach Neddo's preparedness and his ability to bring together an excellent group of players and staff: Coach Phil Neddo, Coach John Semenza and Coach Mike McCarthy as well as Managers Martin and Terri Anton.

Aki Adachi, Kapiolani Community College

Nathan Amos, Carleton College

Max Anton, TBD

Stephen Carlson, Freshman Loyola Marymount University

William Cooper, TBD

Matthew Fischer, University of Washington

David Guldarama, Freshman University of New Mexico

Duke Hashimoto, Junior Southern Methodist University

Richard Higa, Sophomore University of Massachusetts @ Amherst

Justin Kim, TBD

Satoshi Mitsuda, Freshman Boston College

David Semenza, Sophomore Brown University

Brett Shimizu, Stanford University

Scott Shiraishi, Freshman University of California @ Irvine

Brandon Tario, Freshman University of California @ Irvine

Kenshiro Uki, Whitworth College

Ryan Wisdom, Westmont College

Each night we marveled at the coaching staff dissecting previous game films, looking for the flaws and strengths in the opponents. The following day the boys then used their skills and their preparation from Coach Phil to succeed. They kept their discipline, stayed focused and supported each other during each match. "Speed kills" and as Coach Neddo stated after the first game, "ours was out of the bag" as Sato and Duke blazed past midfielders and forwards. Our midfield stopped bargages when needed and the back four were staunch in their defense to protect the keeper.

The Championship match began with the Bulls dominating play, putting CASL Elite on their heels. A strong header by Matt Fischer off of a corner gave the team the early lead.

Minutes later, Sato stole the ball from the challenging keeper and put the ball in the back of the net past a dropping defender. The halftime score was 2-0, and we all know what that means! CASL came out strong at the beginning of the second half, making the game even more exciting by scoring off of a corner kick. Within minutes, Duke received a great pass from JK and was off and running, faking the goalie out and scoring, giving the team the two-goal cushion they would need.

CASL was awarded a PK on a phantom foul, but Dave Semenza electrified the crowd with a diving save. Unfortunately, another powerful header off of the ensuing corner kick cut the lead to one goal. The last ten minutes of the match were the most intense as could be. With the final whistle, the U19 Boys became the first team from Hawaii to become National Champions! This honor will be listed on the McGuire Cup in the Soccer Hall of Fame forever!

In unison, the players ran to the stands and thanked the Hawaii fans present, including Referee Johannes Gonzales and Hawaii Youth Soccer Association (HYSA) President Scott Keopuhiwa. Their support and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated.

The awards ceremony will be cherished forever. CASL Elite players and coaches were gracious and dignified. The loss hurt, but it was obvious that they were proud for Hawaii and the Bulls stating that they deserved the victory. Their captain could not have been more honorable, thanking his coaches, his teammates and the Bulls for a great game. As each Elite player received his medal, the Bulls gave a standing ovation until the last one was handed out.



Then it was the Bulls turn to take the podium for the first time. In what little voice he had left, Coach Neddo thanked CASL Elite, USYSA Staff, Scott K and Adidas (both teams in the finals wore the 3 stripes). Scott Keopuhiwa handed out the gold medals and trophy.



Satoshi Mitsuda received the Golden Boot Award, David Semenza

won the Golden Glove Award, and the entire team received the Fair Play Award, making it a clean sweep.



The entire tournament event was a team effort for the Bulls and I would like to thank all who helped. So many attendees complimented the players, staff and organizations.

John Semenza for scouting endlessly and probably with no sleep Mike McCarthy for his coaching and keeping the guys focused

Scott K for supporting the staff and players and representing Hawaii well

Thanks to Tina Semenza, Juanita Hashimoto, David Gualdarama, Pete Cooper, Dave and Lori Wisdom for cooking, cleaning and cheering.

Scott Perske and Kea Hashimoto; ball boys and "go-fers" extraordinaire.

Thanks also go to families Shiraishi, Carlson and Higa for organizing gifts for dignitaries and teams.

Players and parents who donated money to help support the costs of the trip, including many players who gave up their allowance to make this happen!

And Thanks to players and teams who sent faxes and voice mails to the guys with messages of support.

A very special mahalo to four others: Melinda Ashton for her skills at organizing and arranging for the central "command post" and resting place for the team, for cooking the meals and for keeping us from getting lost in the Florida swamps!

This special team could not be what it is without the support, enthusiasm and belief in the HSC Bulls by managers Martin and Terri Anton. Their devotion to the team and Club is awe-inspiring as they were mom, dad, drivers, launderers, chaperones, feeders and disciplinarians. I can't thank them enough.

Nothing can overshadow the hard work, dedication and the special bond this team had in winning this Championship. However, it was an honor and a privilege to witness Coach Phil's management of the entire event. With little sleep and maximum stress, he coached; scouted; reviewed films endlessly; met with officials from USYSA, Adidas and other Clubs; ran training sessions and team meetings to get the most out of his players; and then dealt long distance with Club business after hours because of the six hour time zone difference. The respect held by so many other coaches toward Phil was obvious; and in his fifth trip to Nationals, there was a sense from the beginning that success was imminent. Phil, my friend, you are so special to the Club, to youth development and to soccer in Hawaii.

It is a shame that not every member of the Club could have witnessed what happened this week in Florida. It was an honor of the highest order for me. You all were there in spirit though! Players, every time you put on the Bulls uniform from now on, you will do so with more pride and more responsibility. You are all a part of a Club with a National Championship.

Way to go HSC Bulls 85 Boys!

Way to go Bulls!

**U19 Boys National Champions**

**Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 p.m.

Baltimore Bays (Maryland) 0 vs. HSC Bulls '86 (Hawaii) 3

Goal Scorers: Duke Hashimoto (HSC Bulls) 2:00, Satoshi Mitsuda (HSC Bulls) 25:00, David Gualdarama (HSC Bulls) 76:00

**Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

No game

**Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>** 9:30 p.m.

HSC Bulls '86 (Hawaii) 0 vs. 84 CASL Elite (North Carolina) 1

Goal Scorers: Lee Superville (CASL) 57:00

**Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup>** 9:30 p.m.

Scott Gallagher (Missouri) 0 vs. HSC Bulls '86 (Hawaii) 3

Goal Scorers: Satoshi Mitsuda (HSC) 14:00, Justin Kim (HSC) 25:00, Duke Hashimoto (HSC) 54:00

**Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup>**

No games scheduled

**Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>** 8:15 a.m. U-19B Championship Match

HSC Bulls '85 (Hawaii) 3, '84 CASL Elite (North Carolina) 2

Goal Scorers: Matthew Fischer (HSC) 6:00, Satoshi Mitsuda (HSC) 26:00, Duke Hashimoto (HSC) 63:00, (2) Russell Bienias (CASL) 59:00, 79:00

**Hardworking DOC**

By Ken Perske

DOC Neddo returned July 7 after a month long trip to tournaments in Vegas, Spokane and then Olympic Development Program (ODP). Most of us would go home and sleep. He went straight to the practice field for his teams going to Nationals and Surf.

"Hard work spotlights the character of people; some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all." Sam Ewing.

He is proudest of all of the Club's accomplishments in the past two tournaments. Coach Phil is most deserving of leading the first HSC Bulls team from Hawaii to a National Championship.



Mahalo for all of your efforts in making things go smoothly for the team.

**Supporting the Team**

By Ken Perske

Thank you one and all for everyone who took the time to meet with the U19 players for dinner on July 12 to send them off in style. Board members, coaches, players and all came to show their support. A special treat was the presence of three members of the original Bulls teams who gave us a flavor of what the Club was like 30 years ago. Thanks to all of you who have spearheaded the efforts to find donations. What a great Club we have to have so many people give when it counts! Young players gave their allowance. Older players donated paychecks. Entire teams collected and gave. The U19's have paved the road for the rest of the teams to make an impact on soccer in Hawaii and on the mainland. Thanks to them and their hard working staff. We are all very proud you. Go Bulls!

**E-mail from Idaho**

By Christine Schmidt

Hawaii Youth Soccer, you should be very proud of yourselves. Not only did you put on a super regional tournament last year, but you now have a team going on to Nationals! We are so proud of you! My husband coaches the U19 Idaho boy's team (out of Coeur d'Alene). He and I were highly impressed with your team and your coaches when we played a "friendly" match before the start of Regionals. And although we would have liked to be the team playing Cal South in the finals, we were enthusiastic fans and supporters of the Hawaii squad as they out played the Cal South team. I was duly impressed as well by your fans and coaches and there sportsmanship. We are glad we got to see an organization send their first team to Nationals, and hopefully, Idaho will get the opportunity to send one next year!

Best of luck to the Honolulu Bulls! All of the Far West Region is routing for you, especially us in Idaho!!!!

May all your goals be strong!

**Mahalo Miles and Verizon!**

By Ken Perske

The Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club recently received another \$500 donation from Verizon thanks to the volunteer efforts of their employee and our Board Secretary, webmaster, manager, coach Miles Tsuruoka. This is the 3rd year in a row we have received this generous amount thanks to Miles' commitment. Thank you, Miles, and thank you, Verizon!

**Coaches/Managers Meetings**

By Ken Perske

As of today we have the following dates reserved for Coach/Manager meetings at Manoa Valley District Park from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on August 8, August 22, September 19, October 24, November 7, November 21 and December 12.

In the past year, the first meeting of each month was for coaches, the second was for managers. I am requesting for the month of August at least, since it is a new year, that we all meet on August 8 and August 22. The meeting room was not available twice in September and October. Paki Hale supposedly is to be finished in November but not holding my breath so will resume meeting there after the New Year.

Also, I would like to thank those managers who helped at sign on Saturday, August 1.

**Financial Aid**

By Ken Perske

Any member of the Club can request financial aid. Registration is done as usual on-line and a minimum payment plus uniform fee is required. To apply for financial aid, each parent must submit a letter stating reasons requiring assistance, the face sheet of the most current Federal and State Tax returns, along with the payment and uniform fee. Please seal in an envelope. This information, handled confidentially, is given to your manager who then

passes it along to the Club Registrar/Financial Aid Committee. There is no guarantee that any assistance will be given and there is no guarantee that past recipients will receive assistance. Each case is reviewed individually and the amount determined.

**Foodland's Give Aloha Program**

By Ken Perske



Once again, the HSC Bulls is proud to participate in Foodland's

Give Aloha program. If you are thinking about donating to the HSC Bulls, you may want to wait until the program begins in October. Using your Maika'i Card you can designate up to \$249 to be donated to the Club and Foodland can match up to that amount. Stay tuned for more details via your team managers.

Give Aloha is an annual program through which Foodland directs its charitable giving to the organizations that are important to its customers. All Hawaii 501(c)(3) organizations are invited to participate each year. During September, customers are invited to make a donation of up to \$249 (per person, per organization) at checkout to their favorite non-profit organization registered in Give Aloha. Foodland matches a portion of each donation, up to a total of \$250,000 for all organizations combined. Since the program began in 1999, nearly \$4.8 million has been raised for the community.

This year, through a generous matching gift of \$250,000 from the Western Union Foundation, a total gift of \$500,000 will be donated to non-profit organizations participating in Give Aloha 2004.

**Trivia, but not trivial!**

By Ken Perske

Our apologies to Lauren Uehara who we mistakenly omitted as another trivial pursuit winner.