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Bulls Calendar

04/11: Bulls Board of Directors Mtg

04/14-15: HYSA State Championship Qualifying Tournament

04/30: Newsletter deadline for the May issue

BULLIN' IT ALL TOGETHER

Marnie Flowers, BULLETin Editor

Aloha Bulls Ohana! My name is Marnie Flowers, better known as RJ's Mom (BU14), and I've volunteered to help publish the BULLETin every month. I have a few ideas that I'd like to pull together, and I am open for contributions and input from everyone in the Club!

Some of the new articles that you will see appear in this and future issues will be:

- ◆ Full of BULLoney – funny stories that have happened throughout the month
- ◆ We Take No BULL! – Team stats
- ◆ BULLSEYE – Trivia
- ◆ DA BULLZ – U13 and older team stories
- ◆ Calves Corner – U12 and under team stories

Please email your monthly submissions by the last day of each month to meet the submission deadline to mnf927@yahoo.com.

I strongly encourage our players to submit articles! We'd love to see the newsletter take on a more kid/teen-friendly approach and by giving our players ownership, this might work!

Mahalo,
Marnie

STRAIGHT FROM THE BULL'S MOUTH

Ken Perske, President

Hi all,

Marnie Flowers will now be editing the newsletter, since Les Aubrey will be busy with his new soccer club in Oregon. We here at the Bulls' Headquarters want to extend a warm mahalo to Les for his years of service. For those of you who don't know, Les continued working with us on the newsletter even after he moved to the mainland. His dedication to our Club just shows how the Bulls' Ohana can affect our lives even beyond our children's physical involvement!

Please forward any items you want in the newsletter regarding fundraising, team stats, articles of interest, etc. to Marnie. She has great drive and enthusiasm for the Club

and we welcome her to the newsletter staff. She also has some great ideas for the newsletter, so stay tuned!

Happy Easter everyone!

'DA BULLZ

Michael Guidry, Asst Director of Coaching
Miles Tsuruoka, Team Manager

As part of the Club's program to provide players with a general education about college choices and how the game of soccer can facilitate college opportunities, the Club travels with the U15B age group to Southern California over Spring Break every year. For 2008, the Club will add the U15G age group to this tour, too.

The college tour trip generally consists of competing against top-level competition in various events, touring college campuses, seeing Bulls' alumni in their university settings, and observing college spring games. This past trip consisted of playing 7 games and observing 3 college games, guided visits and tours of 7 schools, and over 1,300 miles driven.



Kerry Miike, Miles Tsuruoka, John Rosa, Gail Ihara, and Nancy Abilay served as staff for the trip and did a fantastic job tending to the various needs of the players. Aloha to the following for their assistance with various parts of the trip: Paul Soufl and family, Uncle Jeffrey and Sandi Kuester, Todd Saldana, Noah Gins and Carlos Gonzales, and JP Verhees. Thanks to Miles Tsuruoka for compiling the below summary and we look forward to the 2008 tour (especially since Kerry will be old enough to drive a rental vehicle).

The Boys U15 Team traveled to the annual Nomad's Coaches Showcase Tournament during Spring Break this year, which involved much more than playing soccer. The first weekend was spent at the Nomad's Tournament, where the competition was pretty strong. They used fields at UCSD (University of California at San Diego) and some surrounding areas.



The first game was literally fogged in! You couldn't see past the perimeter of the field. Fortunately, there was very little wind, so the cool temperature (high 50s, low

60s) was bearable with a jacket and long pants - good soccer playing weather once you were warmed up! The fog lifted slightly for the next two games, but the air was still cold. Perhaps it was the jet lag, the chill, or who knows, but the boys just couldn't seem to put together two solid halves of good soccer, and it cost the team three games and an early exit from the tournament. On the bright side, however, it saved us an extra night's charge at the hotel 😊.

The middle of the next week was spent visiting college campuses and their soccer programs. We went to public, private, large, medium, and small universities to see the differences. On one day we went to UCSB (Santa Barbara, men's NCAA soccer champion), SBCC (Santa Barbara City College, a junior college), and Westmont (former Bulls coach JP's alma mater - he gave us this tour since he now coaches for the local Real Santa Barbara Club). The following day we went to UCLA (huge campus and facilities) and LMU (Loyola-Marymount, where we saw former Bull Steve Carlson). The third day we visited USD (University of San Diego, which the boys said had the best looking girls) and Point Loma (beautiful campus overlooking the ocean where we saw former Bull Liz Kalama).



Most of the tours were conducted by the men's college coach or assistant coach. They explained their programs, facilities, advantages of being a student/athlete and the kind of players they are recruiting. Every coach stressed that good grades are very important. If you cannot meet the college's minimum GPA/SAT requirement for a student/athlete, you cannot play for the program. Many of the tuitions run from \$30K-\$40K a year. A typical



scholarship player (as opposed to a "star" player) could receive maybe a 30%-60% ride. All students/athletes are eligible for free tutoring for any class. Some colleges had religious affiliations, where although not required, there were religious activities available for students. Smaller colleges boasted much smaller teacher/student ratios. Larger colleges had tremendous facilities (usually paid for by



successful basketball and football programs).

Although it seems "early" for a freshman/sophomore to be preparing for college, there is obviously much to consider and lots of preparation. Players have to take the initiative in contacting college coaches since there are rules about how and when the coach can contact the players. The sooner players can narrow down their choices, the faster they can let the coaches know that they are interested in the programs. By the junior year, the coaches will be scouting the players every time they participate in mainland tournaments. Finally, in the senior year, the coaches will make their offers and the players will have to make their decisions.



Uncle Jeff treated the boys to a special surprise on one day. He took them to an indoor-outdoor soccer facility. Imagine an outdoor hockey rink, complete with sidewalls, artificial turf and netting extending up 20-30 feet to keep the ball in. The game is played 5v5 plus keepers with a regular size 5 ball. Subs are done on the fly much like in a hockey game. The pace of the

game is fast and exciting. The boys really enjoyed themselves. Even Kerry and John got into the action. This type of facility is what Jeff and Phil are trying to bring to Hawaii.



The second weekend was the Toyota College Classic in Temecula where college teams played side-by-side with the club games. The temperatures were finally in the low 70s and we no longer needed our jackets. No standings were kept; it was more like formal scrimmages. However, getting to see the college games was awesome. The faster speed of play and physical nature of the game was very evident.

We saw a rather boring win by UCSB over UNLV, probably because UCSB only had 13 players (due to finals) so they weren't as offensively-minded as usual. On another field, LMU (and Steve Carlson at left outside defender) played to an exciting 0-0 draw against Air Force. Later in the afternoon, UCSB was back with its full team and literally overpowered Air Force. We left at half-time when the score was 3-0.

The boys finally got a win in their first game against the Las Vegas Empire Soccer Club. The 2-1 score did not accurately reflect the Bulls dominance in the game. The second and final game against the Stampede (Cal South) was probably the best overall effort of the trip by the boys. Even though they lost 2-0, they played well.

All of the 93 Boys and Girls should look forward to this trip next year. Not only is it good for the players to hear the college coaches talk about maintaining good grades (rather than just hearing it from parents and teachers), but also for parents to know that soccer may help save large sums of money (for example, take a scholarship worth 50% of \$40K annual tuition for 4 years equals an \$80K total savings), makes the Bulls' \$1K annual dues look like a pretty good investment! So, don't forget to put this trip on your calendar for next year!

BULLSEYE TRIVIA

1. Who holds the record for being the youngest player to score 100 league goals?
2. Which English team won the FA cup and Never scored a goal (trick question)?
3. At which stadium was the largest NSL crowd recorded?
4. Where was the first World Cup held, back in 1930?