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COVER



The First Annual ATHENA KICKIN' IT FOR A CURE indoor Soccer Tournament (teams shown~WPFCDOS/Marauders/SH Revolution)

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COVER STORY & LATEST HEADLINES:

The First Annual ATHENA KICKIN' IT FOR A CURE Tournament!!!

A ton of \$\$ was raised in this great new event! Here is some information on the event...hopefully this will grow next year and do twice as well!!!

Quote:

\$6430.00
Donated to
The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

The Inaugural Athena Invitational Soccer Tournament took place over the weekend in Enumclaw at the Mt. Rainier Sports and Fitness Club. The two day event was designed as a warm-up for State Cup, but with a twist. Participating teams were South Hill Revolution, Dosveedayna Red, FC Marauders Blue and WPFC White.



...Sponsors helped bring in big bucks for the event!

Local Foodservice business' led by Taco Del Mar and Sysco Foodservices of Seattle, in conjunction with Athena Partners, underwrote the event and pledged a per goal sponsorship totalling \$102.00 per goal to be donated to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. The more goals made, the more the teams donated! A total of 55 goals were scored during the 6 game round robin. Additionally, 100% of the team fees were donated to the Cause!



...Founder, Trish May

Athena was founded by ex-Microsoft and breast cancer survivor Trish May for the sole purpose of supporting women's cancer research. Athena is the mythological Goddess of war, wisdom and the useful crafts. Not bad traits for our young, female soccer players to emulate. Trish was on hand to speak to the teams and encourage them in this endeavor.



Marauders playing SH Revolution



Revolution playing WPFC

These players exemplified the Athena Goddess and created a competitive attitude towards giving; making a difference.....one goal at a time!

HEADLINES!

WSYSA President Sheds some light on the Girls 10 game season for our readers...



First off the Pulse and WPS would like to thank Doug and his staff on their continued outstanding efforts at communicating with all WSYSA members. Doug has had several emails on the Girls 10 game season and wanted to share one of his responses with everyone here to help answer some questions in regards to the season being set at 10 games and being moved to the spring:

Thank you for the email messages, I appreciate the time and efforts it takes to communicate with WSYSA.

There is no intent by the state to change the girls season to the 14 games. We have been firm in our decision, since it was announced late spring of 2007. That being said, let me go into some details of our decision making process in an effort to help you out as to what we were thinking.

The shortened season is one of the direct results by the United States Soccer Federation, in a directive to the State Associations to assist them in player development. The current philosophy of the USSF is that our athletes are involved in far too many games, thus shortening their playing life and greatly increasing the percentage of life long injuries or injuries that will cut short their soccer careers, both at the youth level and for those talented few at the National level. They have asked all the State Associations to partner with them in an effort to support soccer through these actions of reduced games. WSYSA being a leader in the nation in youth soccer, stepped forward and said we will start the process with a commitment to do so. You can review this philosophy by viewing the USSF Academy programs that are currently in our state with both Crossfire and Washington Premier. In that development model, there are less games and more emphasis placed on quality development of the players. To belong to this Academy, you have to agree to this model of development and these two clubs have done that. While the USSF does not have a Girls program now it is expected to roll one out in 2008 that will mirror this development and will also have limited number of games. WSYSA has also discussed and is currently in the decision process in regards to the boys season. Due to the timing of the schedules and the need to change the girls seasons, we chose to strategically think and act on the girls season first and now we have turned our focus to the boys season as well.

When WSYSA moved the girls season to the spring, after 20 years of discussion, it was not with out a lot of thought and discussion with Coaching Directors from around the state. Our main reason for the move, as you can appreciate, is to avoid the wear and tear on the girls club season when it conflicted with High School Soccer. The statistical number of ACL injuries alone, from not making this move is staggering. WSYSA listened to the players, the parents, their coaches and the Coaching Directors to move their season, U-15 to U-19 to the spring to save the injuries to the girls, and perhaps to help the girls endure a longer soccer career. Another part of that reasoning was to free up the time that our soccer parents had with multiple conflicts of other family members playing during the fall. WSYSA repeatedly heard the complaints from Players/Parents/Coaches to move this girls season. Prior to the move we consulted the highest soccer authorities and those based with soccer knowledge of development, if this was the prudent thing to do, we received a resounding YES from our community. As we looked at the Spring schedule, we were confronted with many obstacles to overcome in an effort to make this a successful experience for the girls, here is what the community asked us to keep in mind in our decision:

A. We took into effect the girls playing in Eastern Washington and their severe Weather conditions in the month of January compared to February and beyond.
B. We took into effect the use of fields in our state and their availability.
C. We looked at Spring Breaks for the Schools
D. We looked at the SAT's and the ACT's and how that would impact the players and the spring leagues
E. We looked at the Easter Break and the impact on our community
F. The amount of games that would be back to back, or double headers, and make an attempt to reduce those or eliminate them all together.
G. We looked at shortening the State Cup Schedule to allow those players/teams that head to regionals a more successful chance to go on and represent WSYSA at a National Level, and while that number is minimal in relation to the number of players in WSYSA, we felt that we could give them an opportunity to win at these higher levels, for those that chose that route in their soccer careers.
H. Finally, we looked at all the activities that occur in the Spring time that revolve around their school activities, items from the Proms that occur at multiple times throughout the state as well as the social activities that all young women have in this brief amount of time of their lives.

At our Summit event, that we held in August of 07, this schedule was again rolled out for a discussion with all that attended on both days. We entered multiple discussions on this topic and we listened to what was being told to us, the purpose of the summit by the way, was for US to listen to you, most of that discussion on Sunday was around this 10 game season and the impacts on the girls. At future summits, in Spokane, we were also told to be cognizant of the Eastern Washington contingent of our players in regards to setting this schedule to begin in January.

With these considerations in place we created a schedule that starts in February and will go right to State Cup. If we were to play that schedule with 14 games there would be many weekends that would involve these double headers, that is not a safe athletic environment for these girls or their families. This would completely defeat the reason for moving the girls season to the spring. IF we were to schedule a 14 game season there would be multiple times when players would be playing 180 minutes a weekend, sometimes within 24 hours for approx. 8 weeks, and there would be little if not no, flexibility to reschedule games, should weather conditions or other items interfere with the season.

There are many other points that can be addressed in our decision making process, but the ones I listed here are the relevant ones in regards to the shortened season.

The final point here is this, this is not cast in stone, we have demonstrated in the last few months of my presidency of the ability to be flexible, if this season does not work, or we see the change as detrimental to the players/families and the like, we will take close look at this again and make changes. While it is hard to make decisions for our 125,000 + members we do our best to take all of these factors into consideration. I think we did in this case and thus produced a 10 game schedule that comes in line with USSF wishes and concerns as well as most of all, a decision that impacts every girls health/injury concerns in WSYSA.

I always encourage communication at WSYSA. I believe we did our diligence in studying this topic.

Thank you again for your commitment to your daughter's, to youth soccer, and most of all for the passion that you all maintain for this wonderful game and the life benefits that come from this game.

Regards,
Doug Andreassen
WSYSA President

Brat Jr's YouTube Videos!!

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=XguAl95VSLg>
Santos

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=FM5iTRdR9Ok>
Evergreen

Brat was kind enough to send a couple of great youtube clips of the College Showcase at SF.

If you watch either of these two videos, make sure you click on "more videos by bratjr" while over on Youtube and you can also see a couple of great videos of Crossfire vs WPFC Boys academy games!!!

Thanks Brat, these videos are awesome!!! 🍷🍷🍷

Winter Tournament in California draws a couple of NW Teams!

Well a couple of girls teams from Washington made the flight down last weekend for the Mustang winter turf tournament. Was hoping to get a detailed report from both teams or good recaps for the pulse, but got neither 😞

On the Girls U12; Looks like the ECFC gals ran across some tough competition losing all 3 games, but all the games were to some of the best Norcal has to offer. Keep your chins up gals, playing against these normally faster and more experienced teams can only help you get better up here in Washington!



On the Girls U13; Looks like the Crush did pretty well winning two and losing 1 to the eventual champs. Looks like the more you play the California teams the more teams from Washington get used to winning



Pretty soon the California teams will be coming here to play all of us! 😊

Great job to both teams. 🌐

State CUP CRAZY!!!

Well Dragon is a little sad at the reports coming in from all the state cup games so far....have been very limited in the blah blah blah of all these great and exciting games...hope fully the yaking and excitement picks up next week!

Here is the link to Week #1's State Cup recaps:

<http://washingtonpremiersoccer.com/phpBB/viewtopic.php?t=7296>

as always, if there is not enuff blah blah, you know who to blame 😊

Can say, Dragon is excited about one game tomorrow:

MRFC Avalanche vs the Blue Angels...both are 1-0 so far in bracket play for the Commish Cup...Will be a Great game 🌐

CRAZY PARENT WATCH:

"Shout out to da newbies"

Dragon see's a few brand new posters since the last Pulse before Christmas...lets give out a Shout and as always, lets All give a warm welcome to all new posters!

This week Dragon would like to applaude:

Flick

Red Devil

Alpha8

girl interrupted

kjsimpson

ThaBigCheese

Java chip

Justice4all