

HYS



NEWS

The Newsletter of Herndon Youth Soccer – Mid Spring 2023 Issue

**RECORD REC NUMBERS**

Like a mountain stream newly fed by a melting blizzard, our HYS Recreational Program saw a torrential increase in players this Spring. Overall, our Rec Program has grown by 34%. Some age groups much more: our U9/10B age group is up 62%, U11B up 58%, U7/8B up 46%, our U4/5s up 41% and our U12B up 91%!

**NEW COLORS FOR HYS RECREATIONAL LEAGUE JERSEYS!**

Not since The Cure's concert at the Patriot Center in the Fall of '07 have so many black shirts been seen in these parts; not since Mosby's Rangers roamed hereabouts in the summer of '64, (1864), so many gray. Yes, HYS has new Rec jerseys: home black & away gray.



**Big, Big Dreams**

It's Spring! The world is mud-luscious and puddle-wonderful and boys and girls with big, big dreams are running from all over to try and win themselves a place on one of the legendary HYS travel teams. If you missed your age group's tryouts and hope for another chance for your child to wear the HYS shield upon their chest then please contact the Black team coach of your child's age group who can be found here: <https://herndonyouthsoccer.demosphere-secure.com/travel/teams>. You may also contact our Technical Director, Nick Arzani, [nick.arzani.td@herndonyouthsoccer.org](mailto:nick.arzani.td@herndonyouthsoccer.org).

**WHAT?!?!  
HERNDON is  
playing  
Argentinian  
powerhouse  
RIVER PLATE?**

**YES WE ARE !!**  
See article on  
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**FOOTBALL MATCH**

RIVER PLATE vs HERNDON

THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH 2023

5.00 PM

**LIVE**

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## Spring Produces Bumper Crop of High School Student Coaches

23 roughly high school age students volunteered this Spring to coach in our HYS Recreational League – Herndon is following in VMI's footsteps, with a New Market Corps of its own: the intrepid youth of the HYS Coaching Corps!

When asked why they would devote so many precious afternoon and evening hours to coach children, two main reasons were frequently given. Firstly, by doing so they gain service hours for all the motley many of honor societies and clubs to which they belong like the Civics Seal, National Honor Society, Beta Club, Key Club; and secondly, and most preeminently, because they want to bring the joy of the Beautiful Game to children in much the same way that HYS volunteer coaches introduced them to the world of soccer when they were younger. And so the baton is handed on . . .

--> **THANK YOU** <--

**Virginia-Ann Pullen, Cameryn Shrader, Alex Loadholtz, Angelo Basilio, Logan Santoro, Johnny DelBorrello, Brennan Culligan, Shaelei Kim, Kristina Gordon, Enzo Fontana, Nizar Benbouchaib, Bao-Quang Nguyen, Andres Gomez, Dennis Bonilla, Kaivon Evans, Kevin Garcia, Francis Corea, Jonathan Motuma, James Ortega, Javier Navarro, Juan Trejo, Pedro Medrano, Lara Mahajan**

## HYS teams flourish in Spring tournaments

The case for spending tremendous amounts of money on a massively large outdoor HYS trophy case to be installed at the SE corner of Elden St. & Center St. – a topic usually relegated to “future discussion” at HYS Board meetings – keeps gaining momentum. . .



**Recent FC Herndon Tournament Champions & Finalists** (clockwise from top left):

– **2014G Red Champions**

– **2014B Red Champions**

– **2013G Red Finalists**

– **2011B Red Champions**

– **2012B Red Champions**



## Herndon Boys Take Argentina By Storm

Look closely at the pictures to your right. Among those boys will one day be men who will play on Bayern, Barcelona, Bilbao, Bologna, Bournemouth. . . . Over Easter Break Herndon's very own Ajax 2008B team traveled to Argentina where they trained with, and played against, some of the top football academies in Argentina like Club Atlético River Plate and Club de Gimnasia y Esgrima La Plata. Imagine! Some day we will watch some of the Argentinians our boys played against on the top teams of Europe, in the Champions League, the Copa América, in the World Cup! And, after playing our Ajax team, I'm sure some of those Argentinian boys are thinking the same thing! It wasn't all thrilling competition and arduous training with top players at elite Argentinian academies though. The Ajax boys also explored Argentina, from the great metropolis of Buenos Aires to the gaucho lands of the Pampas...with plenty of asado, traditional Argentinian BBQ, along the way. Can't wait to hear the tales they bring back during lulls in Club Night or while chewing the fat around the benches at Bready.



## **SPOTLIGHT: Coach Fishel & Coach Farrington**

Without our volunteer coaches HYS would be a wasteland, “a hollow valley of dying stars, a broken jaw of lost kingdoms...” How many times have you heard that? Plenty, I’m sure, because it’s true. We owe so much to our volunteer coaches. Here are two of our finest!

**Coach Fishel in his own words: “I enjoy watching the difference soccer can make in a kid’s life; watching the athletes grow as a team and them looking forward to practice.”**

**Coach Farrington in his own words: “I enjoy working with youth and being in a position to help support critical thinking and positive decision-making on and off the field and serving as a sounding board for those young men as they continue to grow and encounter critical decisions in their life. If I can help a young man talk through his problems and issues and come to a sound decision or path to move forward from...then I feel I am serving him and HYS as I should as well as being a good coach. ”**



**Coach Clint Fishel**

- ◆ In his seventh year of volunteer coaching
- ◆ Currently coaches 3 Rec teams: U13G, U14G, U16G
- ◆ While at JMU he served an internship with their Soccer Strength & Conditioning Program and was responsible for developing sport-specific off-season training programs for JMU teams.
- ◆ Favorite team is the LA Galaxy
- ◆ Favorite athlete is Cobi Jones
- ◆ Favorite coaching saying: “things are only impossible until someone does them.”

### **Coach Joe Farrington**

- ◆ In his sixteenth year of coaching
- ◆ Coaching 4 Rec teams & in charge of HYS’s All-Star tournament
- ◆ “Success is any time a player returns to my team to play another season; any time we play the game the way we know how to play, win or lose.”
- ◆ Most memorable coaching moment: 2019 U19 All-Star Tournament, the team was down to 11 boys, exhausted, had to play down because boys were cramping up. By the third game we had no shot at the title, I asked the boys who were all in various forms of pain if they wanted to skip the final game which would be in intense heat. Boys all said “no!” because they wanted to play one last time with their teammate, Matthew, who was about to leave for college and with whom they had all played since U7. Other teams looking on cheered our boys’ valiant effort because they got where we were coming from.
- ◆ Favorite coaching sayings: “Carpe Diem” & “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”



## HYS SOCCER SUMMER CAMPS coming in July

Keep your calendars open for our traditional season-beginning Soccer Camps

– Week 1 July 17 -21

– Week 2 July 24 - 28

– Week 3 July 31 - Aug. 4

Camps are 9:00AM - 3:00PM every day during the week.

You may sign up for one week or all three.

Registration will be open in early June.

More details coming in the next newsletter

## OPERATION “ STYGIAN STABLES ” at Hutchison

Volunteers – HYS players and a large contingent of girls from St. Paul VI HS – organized a MASSIVE CLEAN-UP of our beloved home field of Hutchison. Thank you Chrissy Turgeon for organizing this myth-making, Herculean undertaking!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



SENIOR DAY 1-3 pm BREADY PARK

HERNDON

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JUNE 3RD

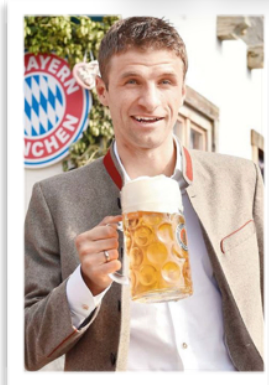
HYS SENIORS VS HYS COACHES

Join us for a special celebration. Our senior players will be entering the HYS soccer field for one last time and let's make it memorable. We invite all players and families to join this celebration and have an afternoon plenty of fun. Coaches vs Seniors game followed by soccer games for the whole family.

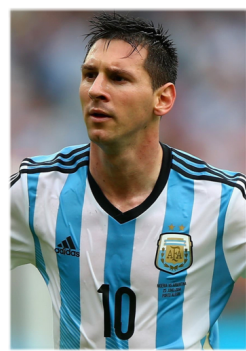


...AND EVEN MORE UPCOMING EVENTS:

**TO US THEY ARE  
THE GREATEST FOOTBALLERS IN THE WORLD**



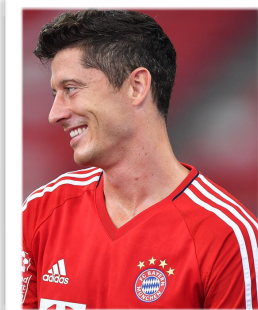
**Thomas Müller**



**Lionel MESSI**



**Cristiano Ronaldo**



**Robert Lewandowski**

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**WHEN: COMING SOON !!! IN LATE MAY 2023AD**

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